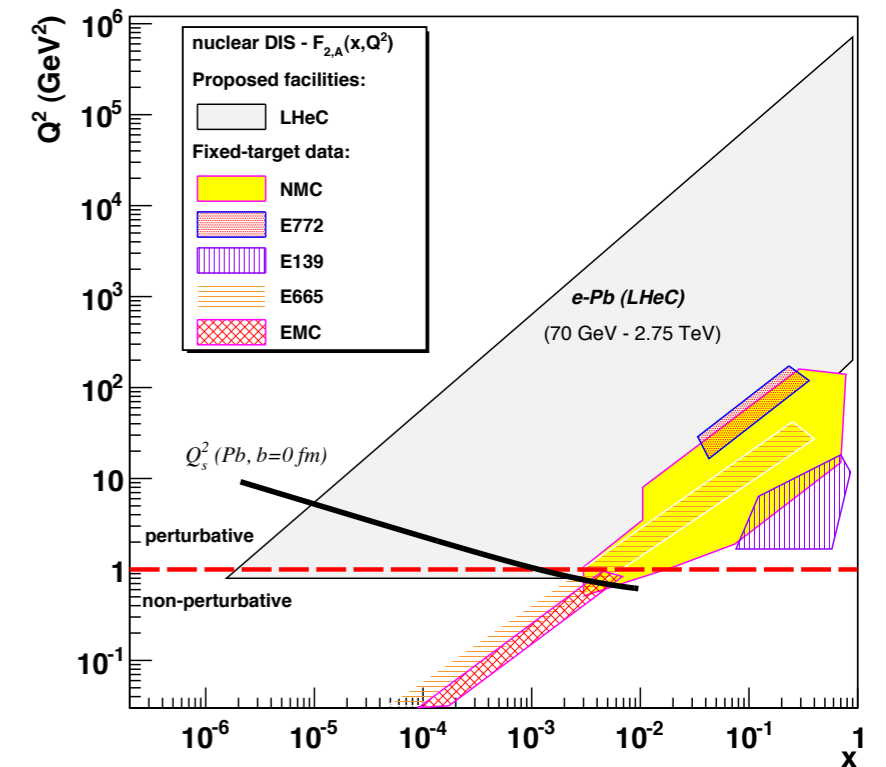
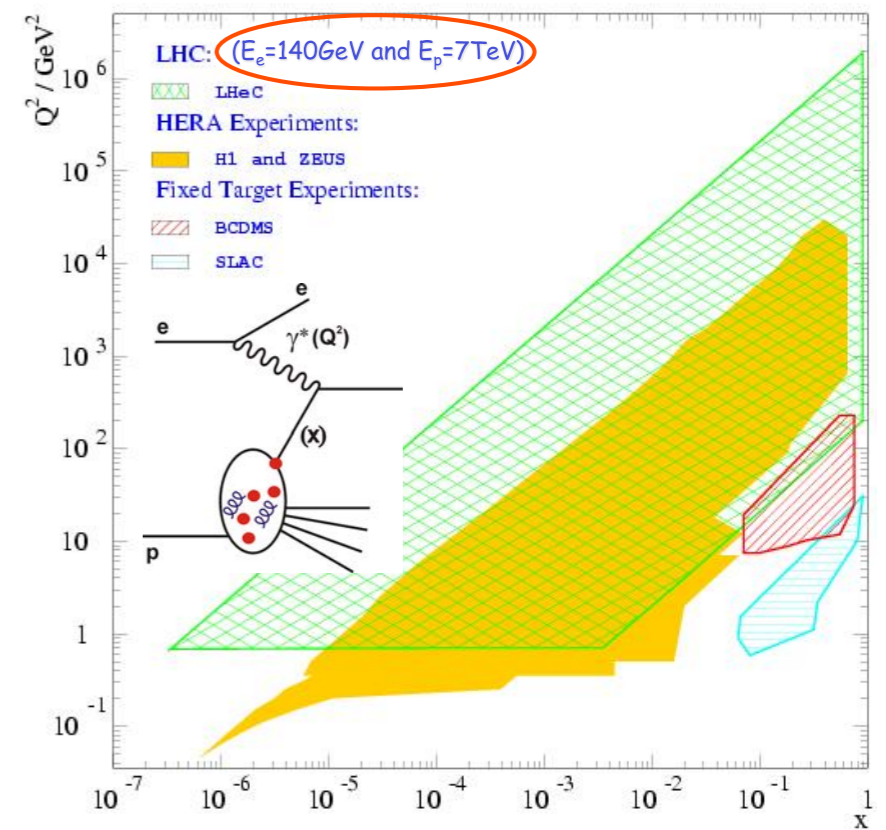


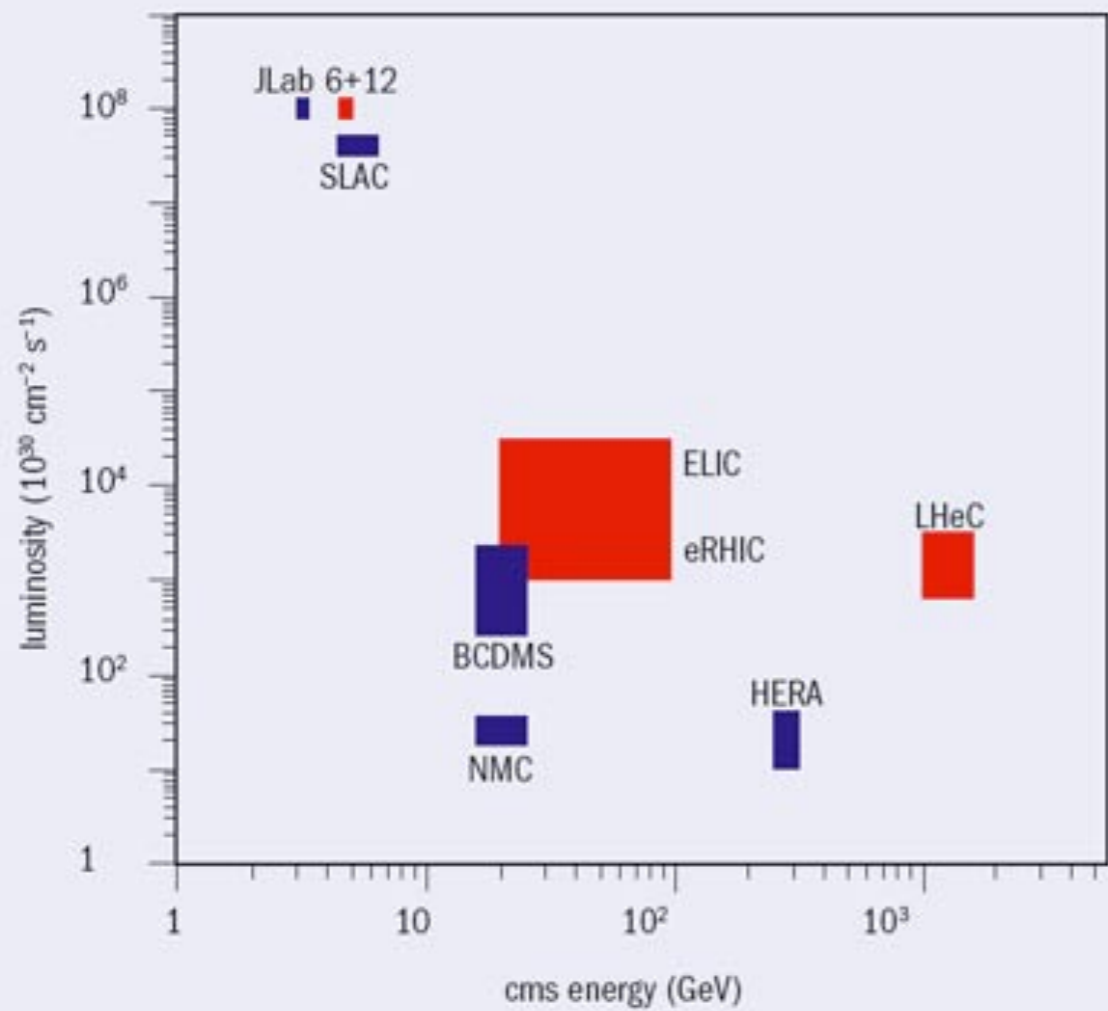
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Physics of ep and eA collisions at the LHeC

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LHeC the latest idea to bring DIS physics to the TeV centre-of-mass scale at high luminosity

Outline of the talk:

- Physics motivation
- Accelerator and detector design
- Physics possibilities
 - Timeline and outlook



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Physics Motivation for ep/eA in TeV range

- Details of parton structure of the nucleon (from ep,ed/eA), full unfolding of PDFs. Measurement of GPDs and unintegrated PDFs.
- Mapping the gluon field down to very low x. Saturation physics.
- Heavy quarks, factorization, diffraction, electroweak processes.
- Properties of Higgs. Very good sensitivity to: H to bbar, H to WW coupling in the 120-130 GeV mass range.
- Searches and understanding of new physics. Very precise measurement of the coupling constant. Leptoquarks, excited leptons...
- Deep inelastic scattering off nuclei (lead and deuteron). Nuclear parton distributions. Pinning down the initial state for heavy ion collisions.
- Understanding nuclear effects of QCD radiation and hadronization.

LHeC kinematics

ep/eA collisions

$$E_p = 7 \text{ TeV}$$

$$E_A = 2.75 \text{ TeV/nucleon} \quad \text{lead}$$

$$E_d = 3.5 \text{ TeV/nucleon} \quad \text{deuteron}$$

$$E_e = 50 - 150 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sqrt{s} \simeq 1 - 2 \text{ TeV}$$

- Requirements:**

- * Luminosity $\sim 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$. eA: $L_{\text{en}} \sim 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

- * Acceptance: 1-179 degrees (low-x ep/eA).

- * Tracking to 1 mrad.

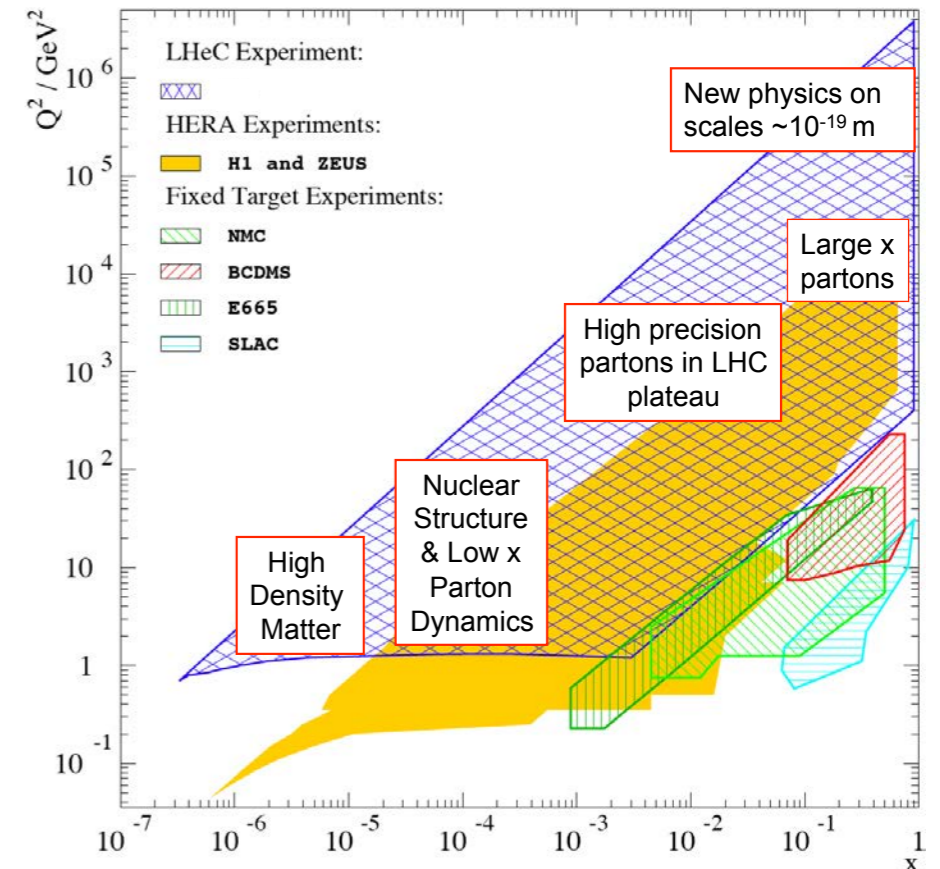
- * EMCAL calibration to 0.1 %.

- * HCAL calibration to 0.5 %.

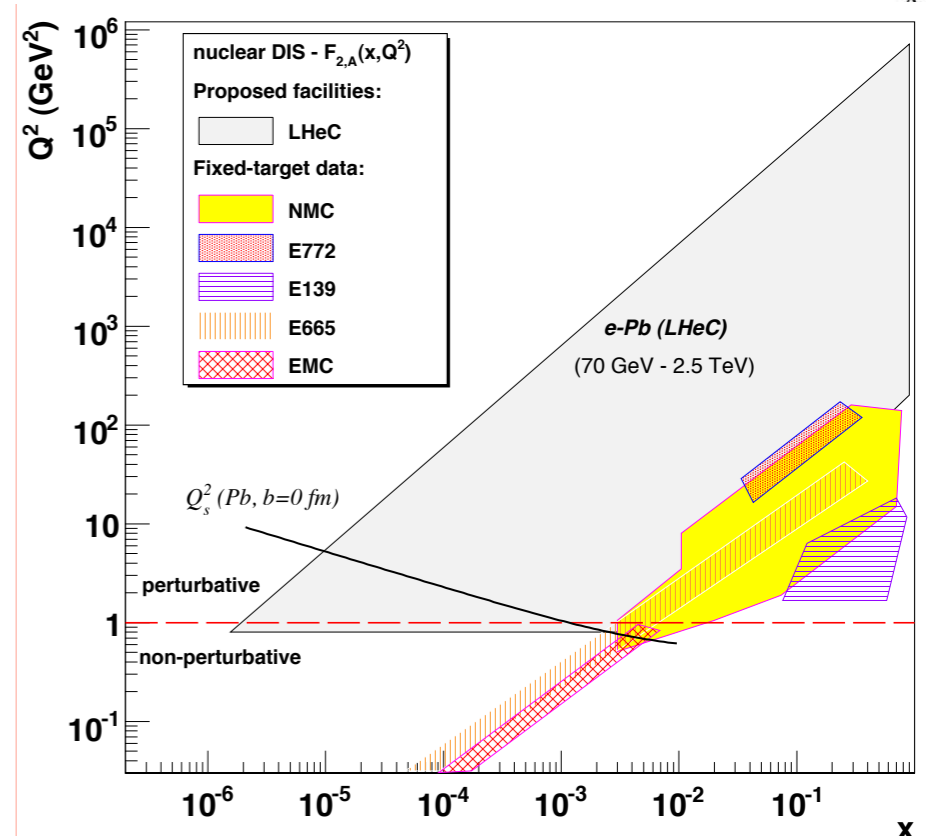
- * Luminosity determination to 1 %.

- * Compatible with LHC operation.

ep

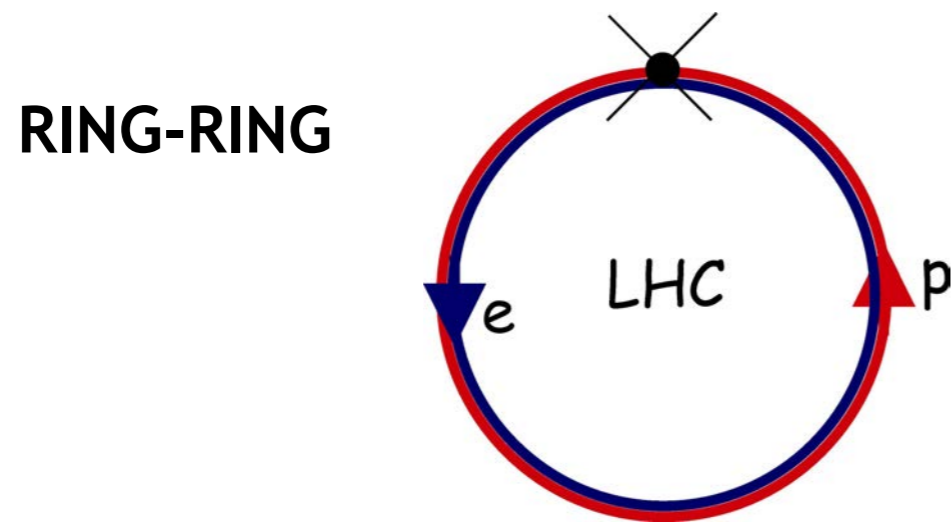


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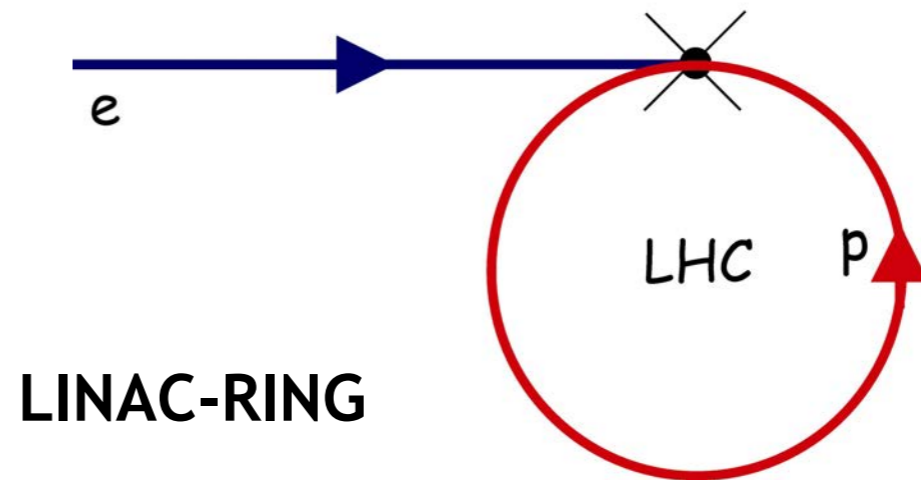


How Could ep be Done using LHC?

... whilst allowing simultaneous ep and pp running ...



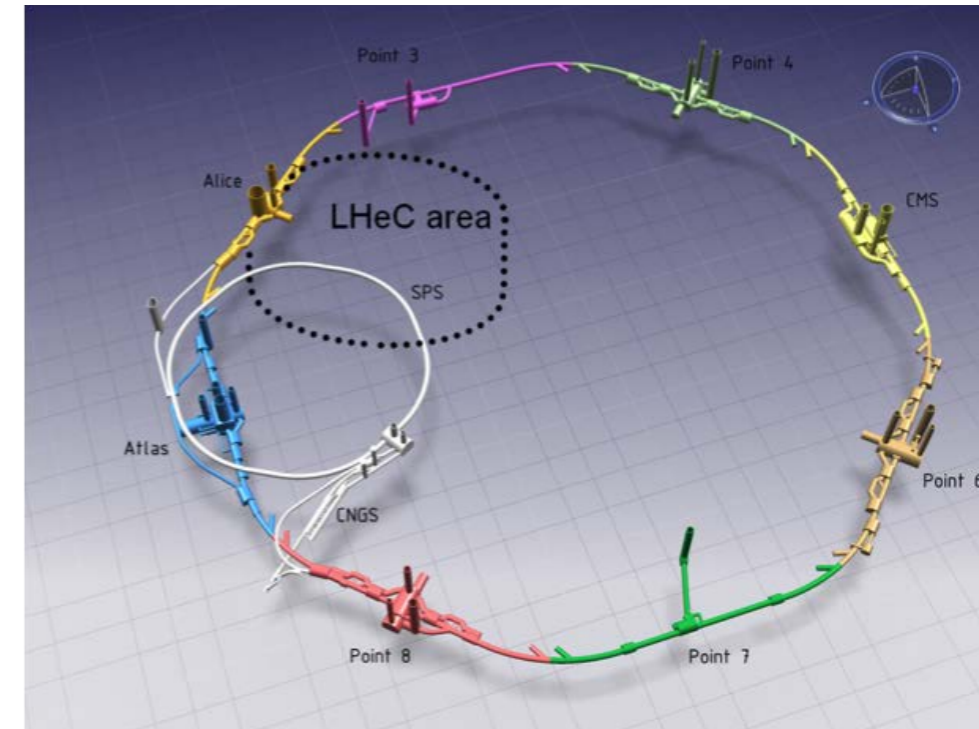
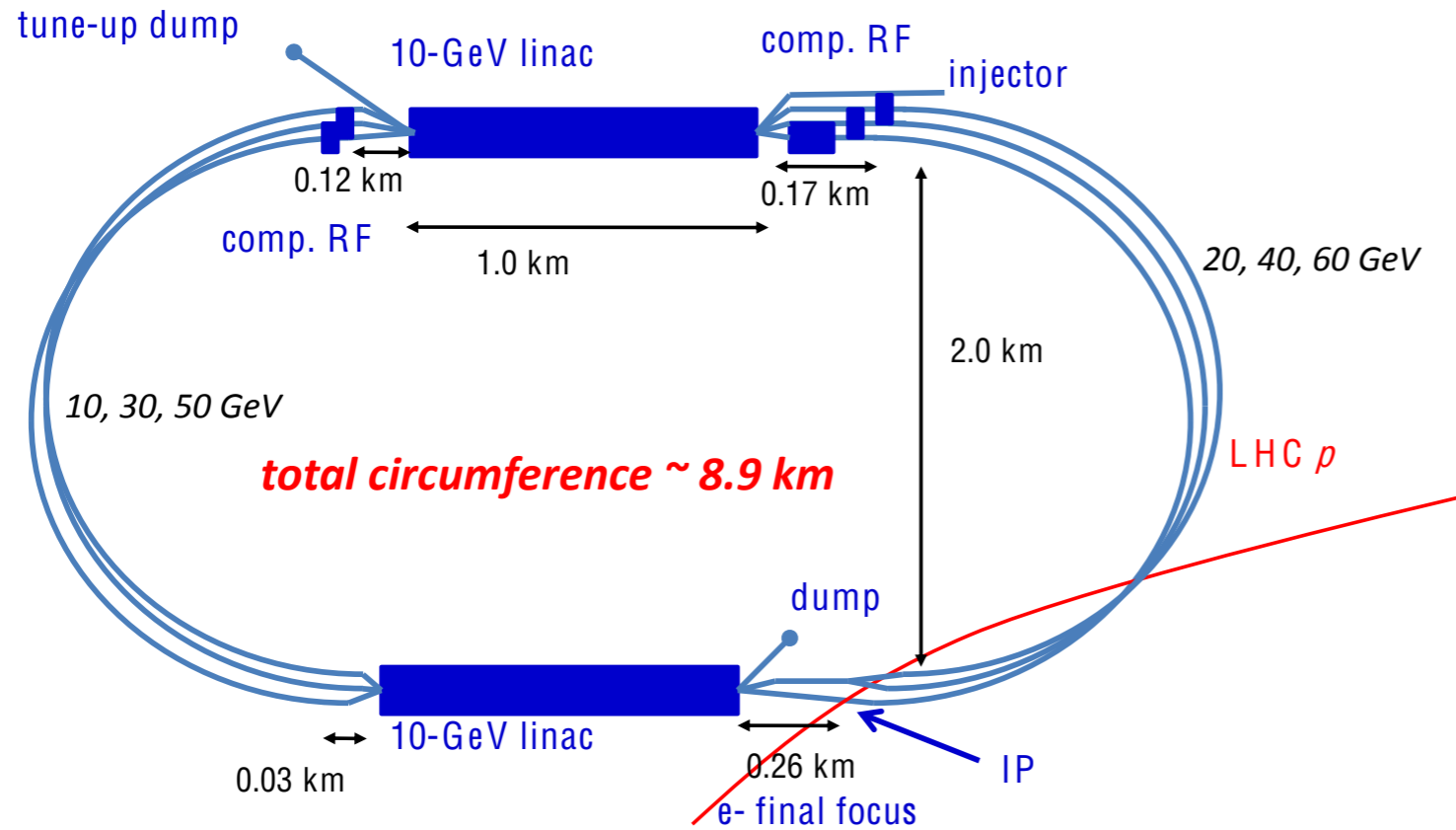
- First considered (as LEPxLHC) in 1984 ECFA workshop
- Main advantage: high peak lumi obtainable ($\sim 2 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)
- Main difficulties: building round existing LHC, e beam energy (60GeV?) and lifetime limited by synchrotron radiation



- Previously considered as 'QCD explorer' (also THERA)
- Main advantages: low interference with LHC, high E_e ($\rightarrow 150 \text{ GeV?}$) and lepton polarisation, LC relation
- Main difficulties: no previous experience exists

preferred option

Accelerator design in linac-ring option



500 MeV injection, 3 turns, 2 linacs, 10 GeV energy recovery, 90% polarisation

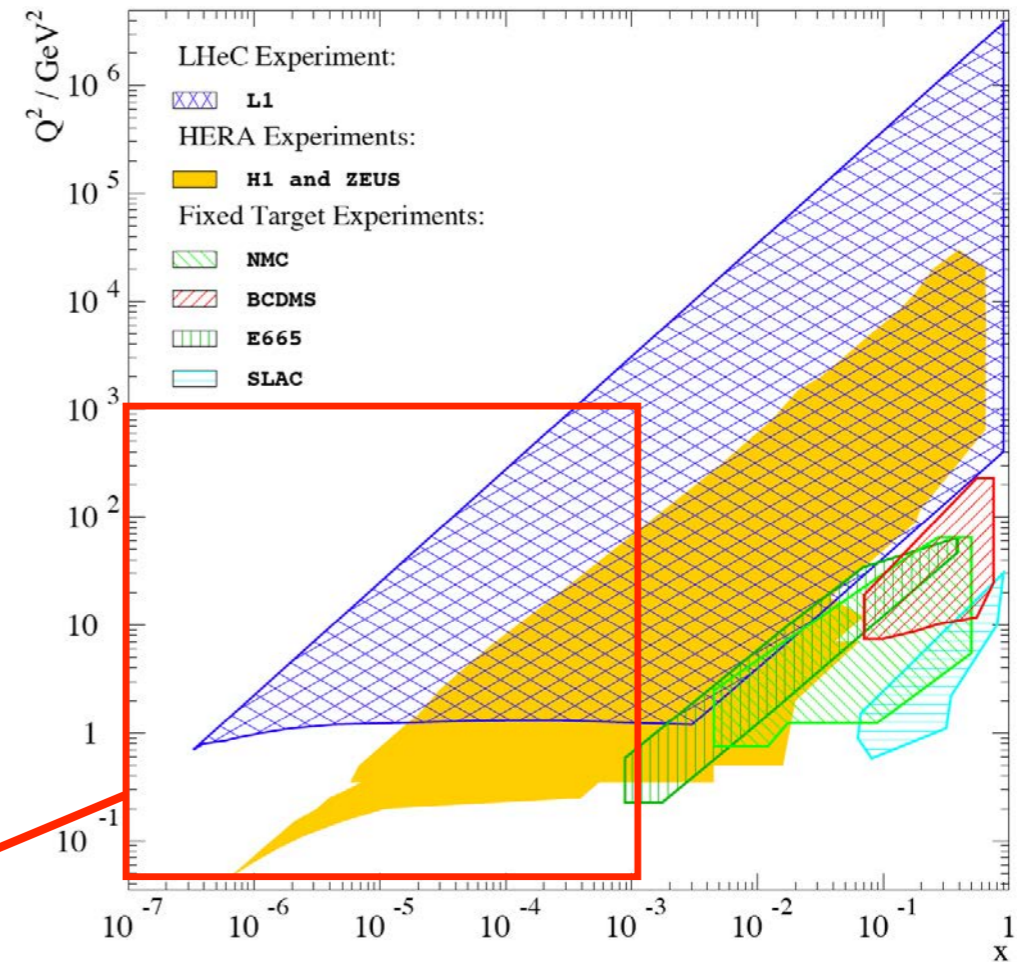
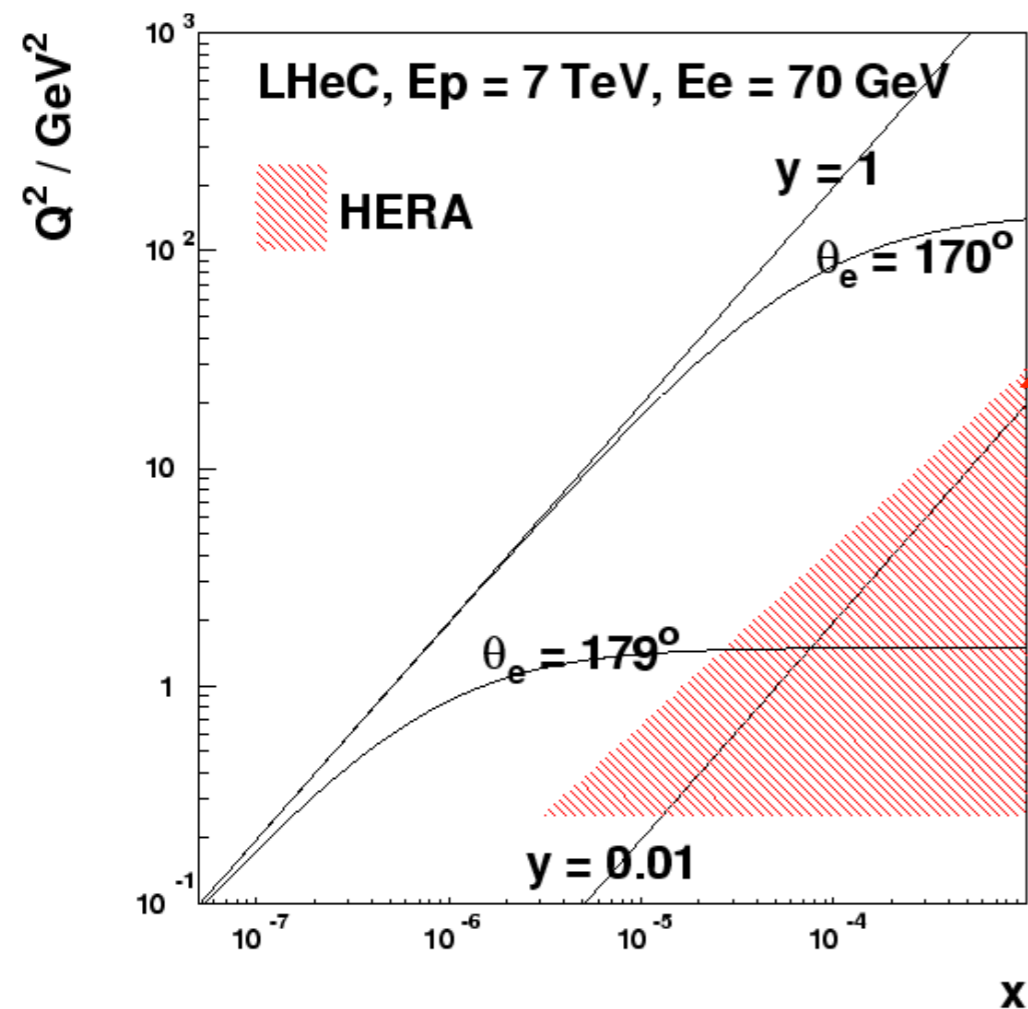
$$L = 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$



Higher energy:
140 GeV linac
ILC type
31.5 MV/m
without energy recovery
lower luminosity

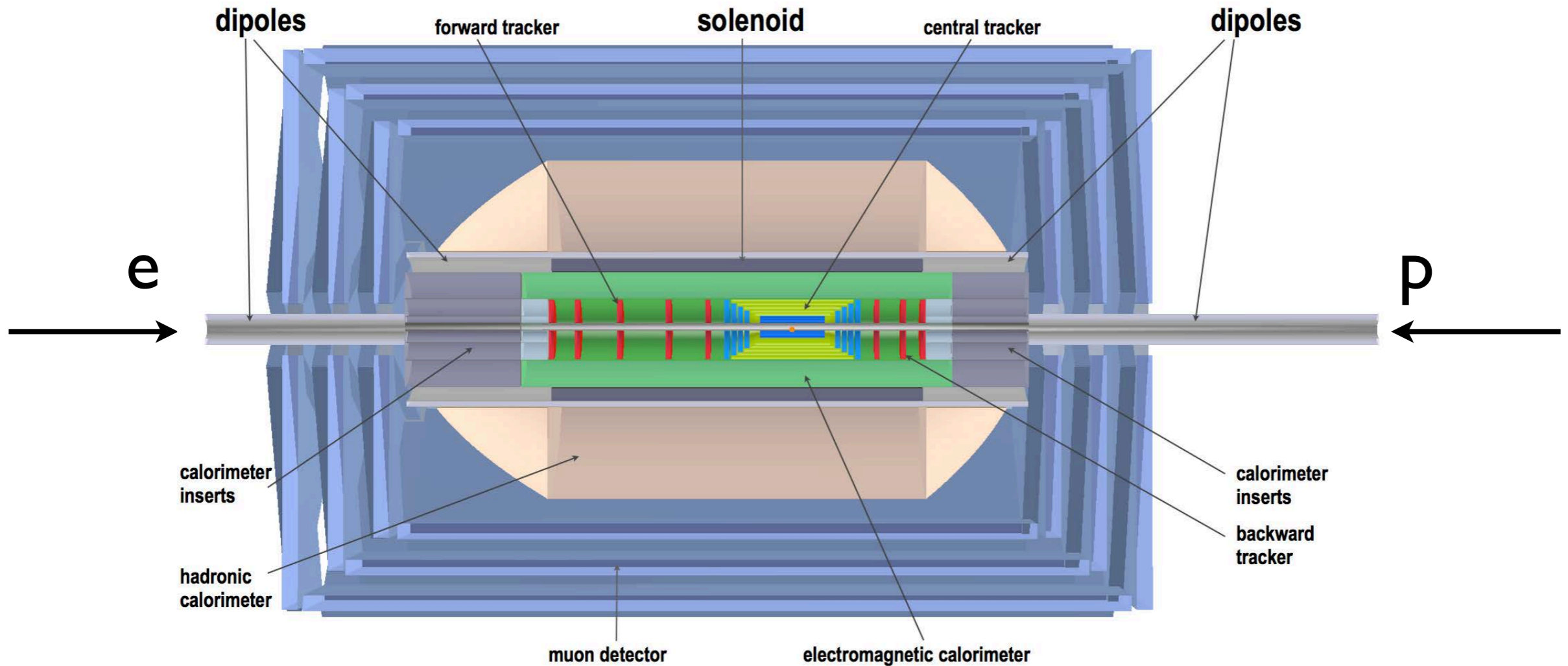
Detector Acceptance Requirements

Access to $Q^2=1 \text{ GeV}^2$ in ep mode for all $x > 5 \times 10^{-7}$ requires scattered electron acceptance to 179°



Similarly, need 1° acceptance in outgoing proton direction to contain hadrons at high x (essential for good kinematic reconstruction)

Detector design



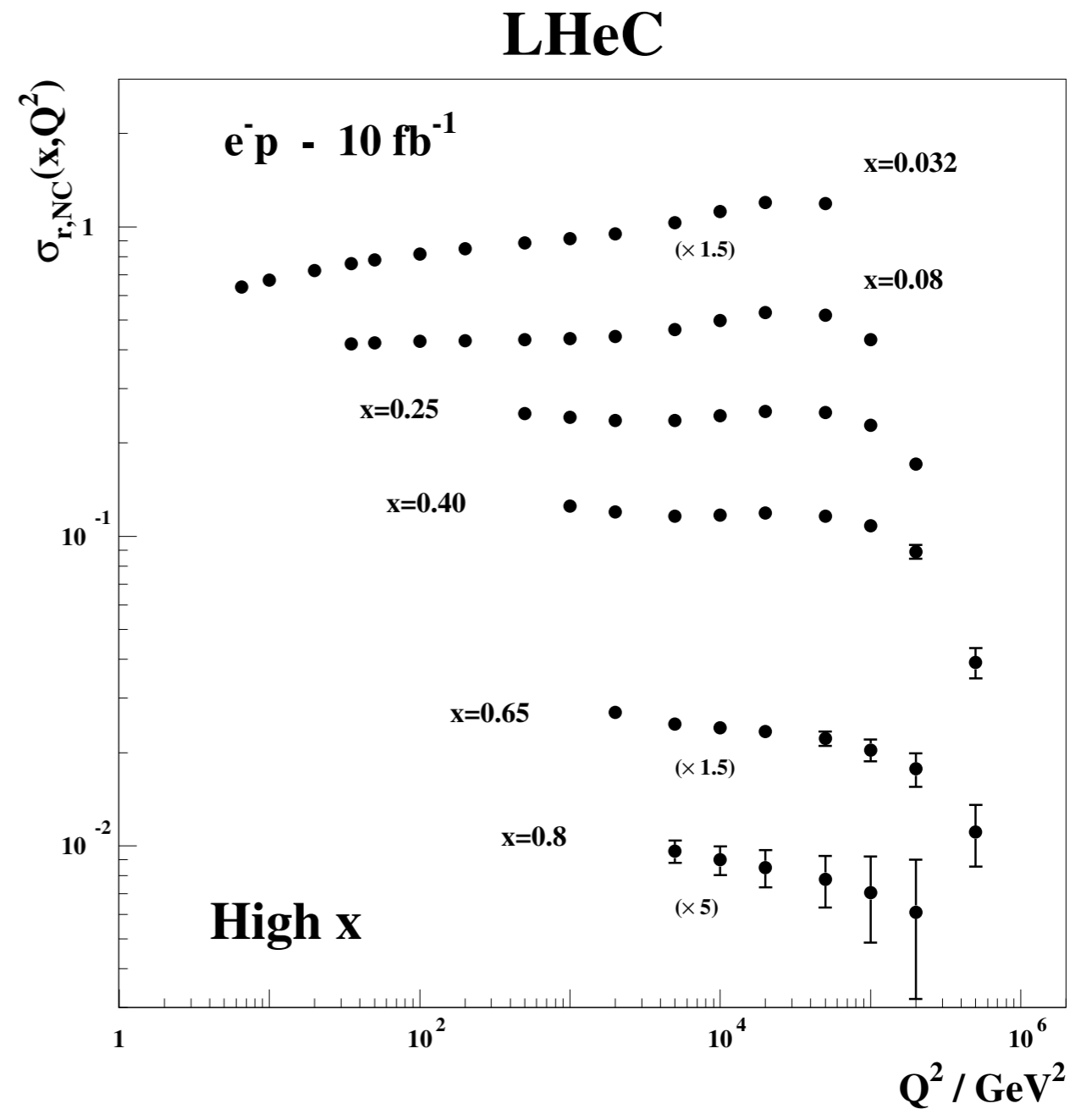
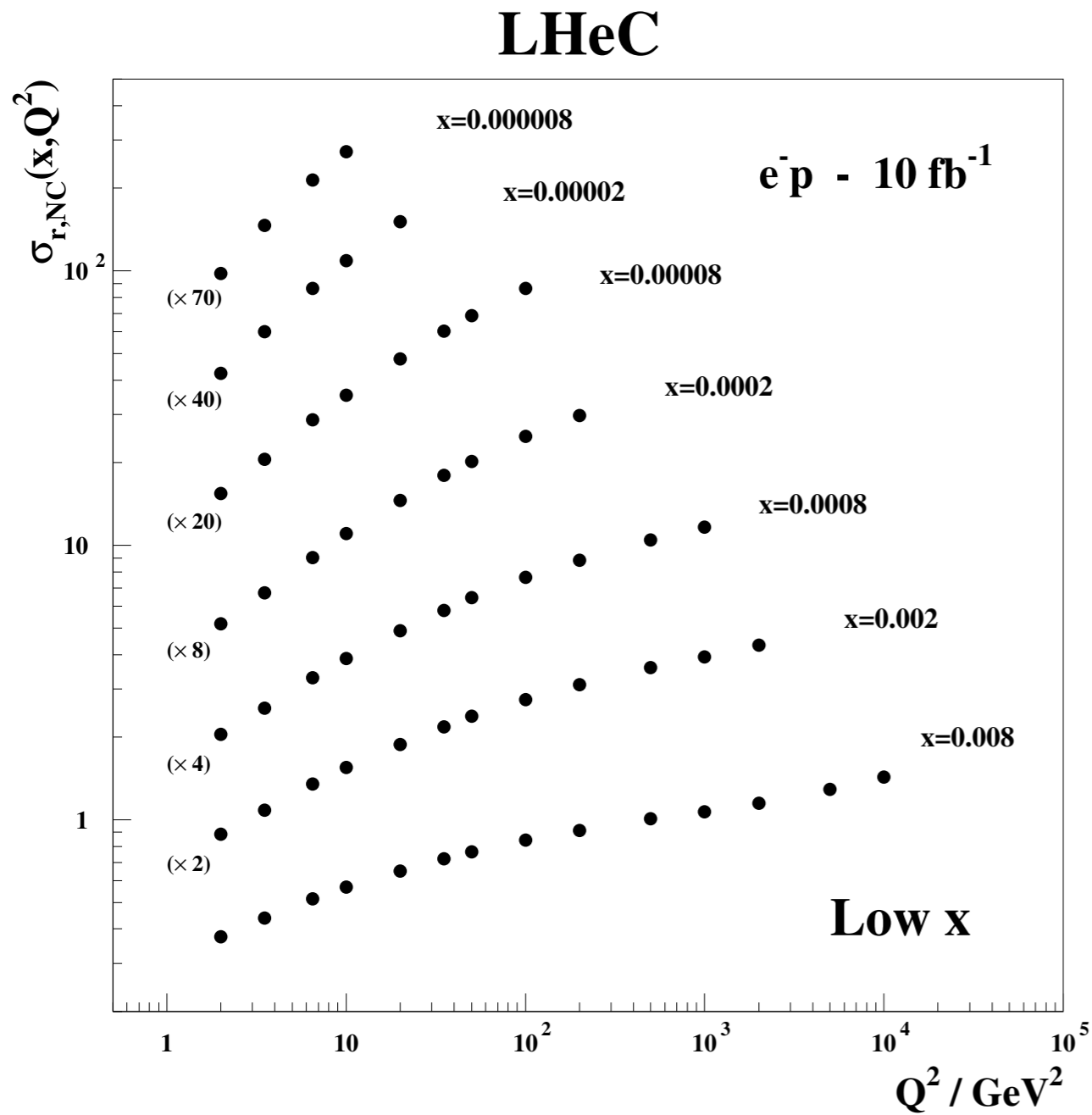
Forward/backward asymmetry in energy deposited and thus in geometry and technology
 Present dimensions: $L \times D = 14 \times 9 \text{ m}^2$ [CMS $21 \times 15 \text{ m}^2$, ATLAS $45 \times 25 \text{ m}^2$]
 Taggers at -62 m (e), 100 m (γ, LR), -22.4 m (γ, RR), $+100 \text{ m}$ (n), $+420 \text{ m}$ (p)



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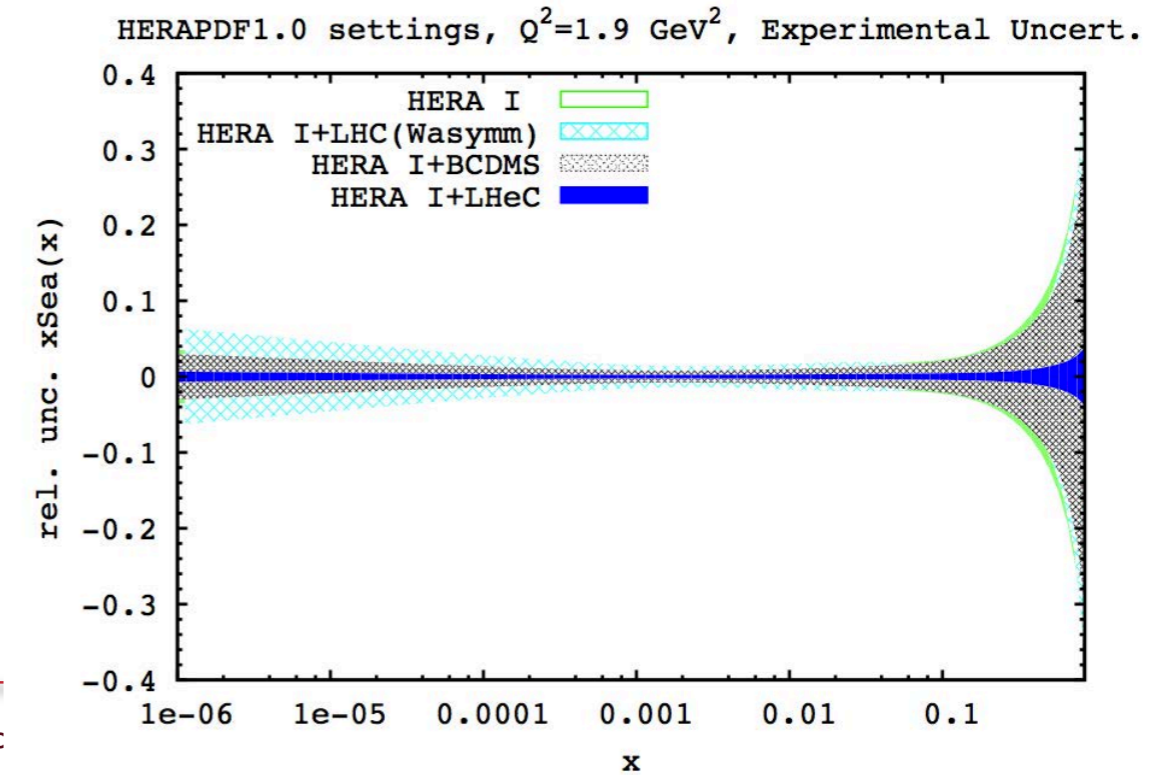
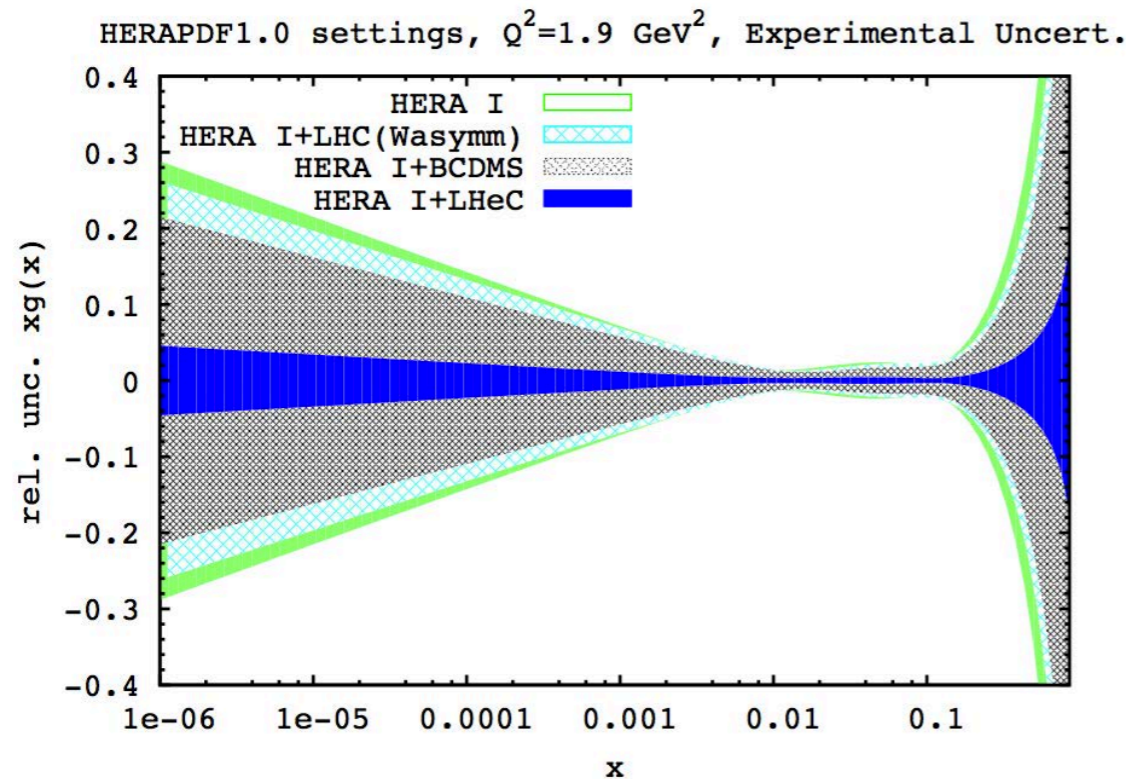
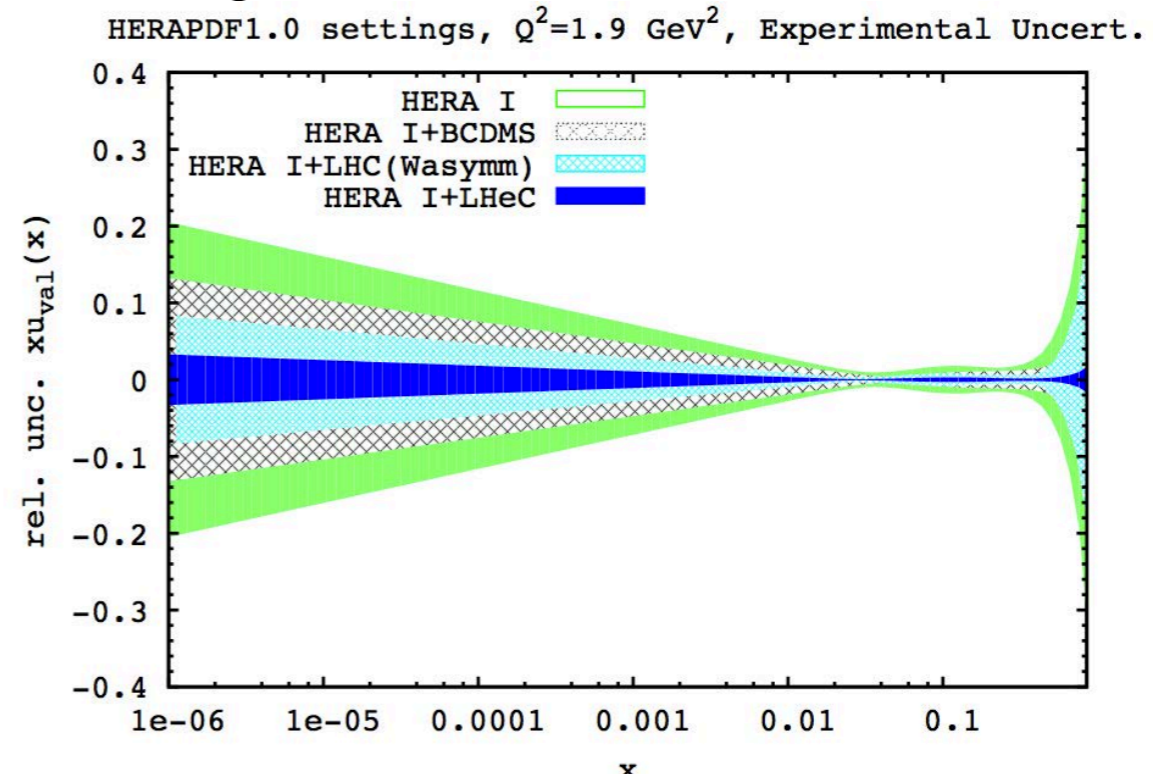
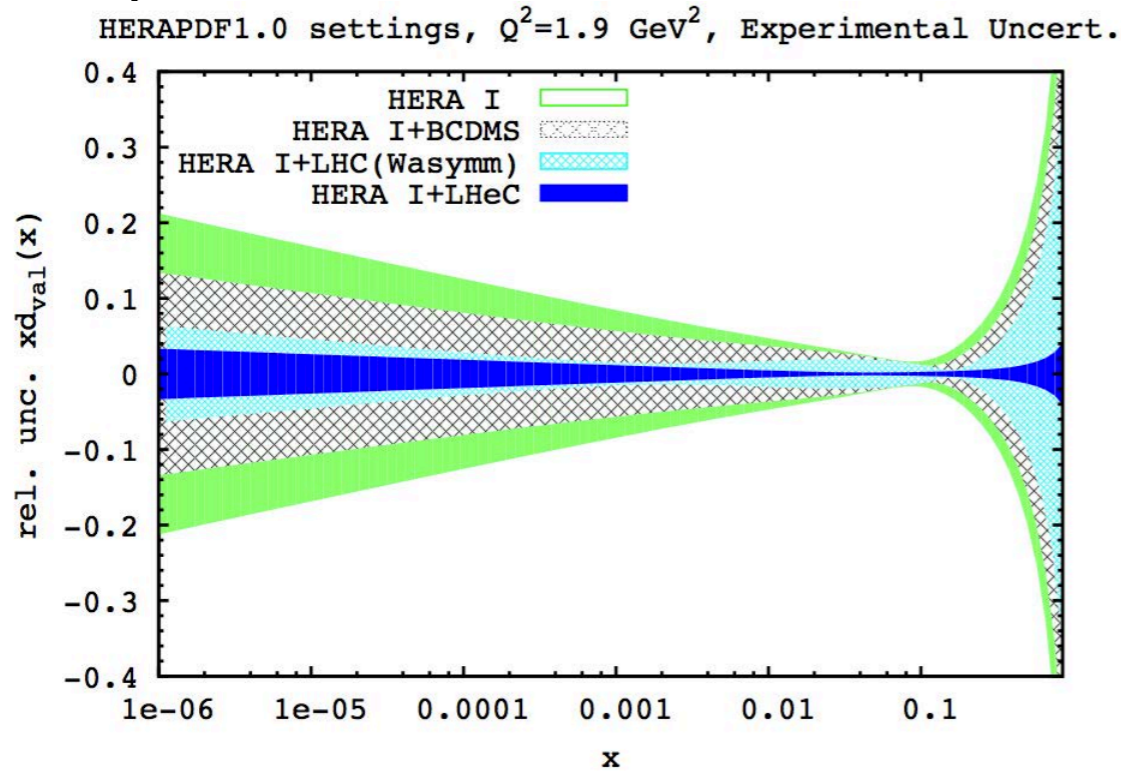


Reduced cross section

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_{NC}}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2 Y_+}{Q^4 x} \cdot \sigma_{r,NC}$$

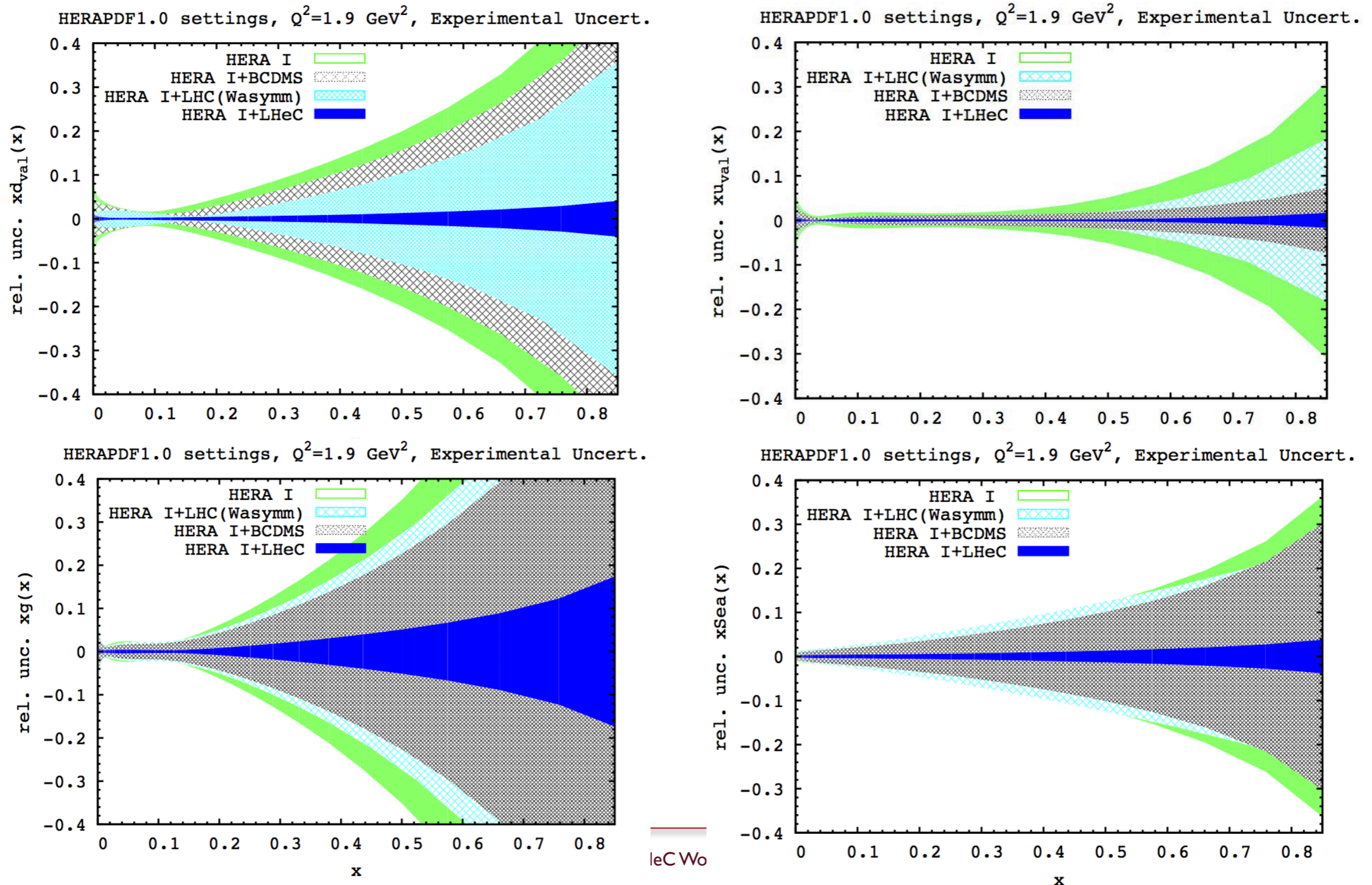
Impact of LHeC on PDFs: zoom on **low x**

* Experimental uncertainties are shown at the starting scale $Q^2=1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$



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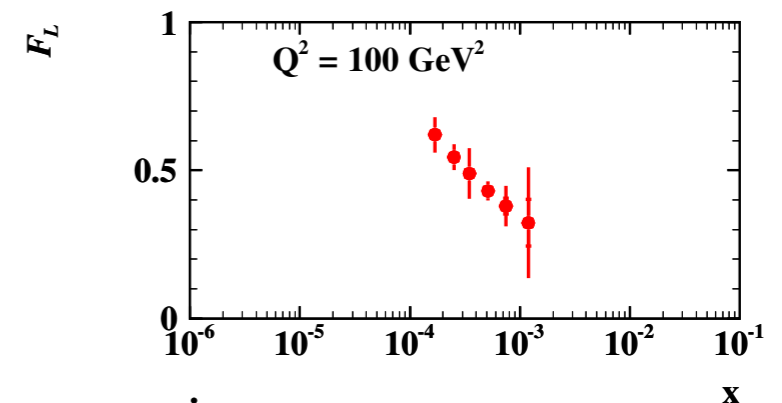
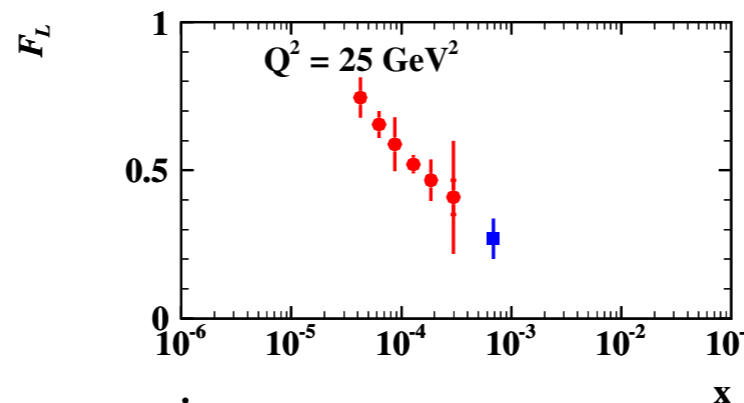
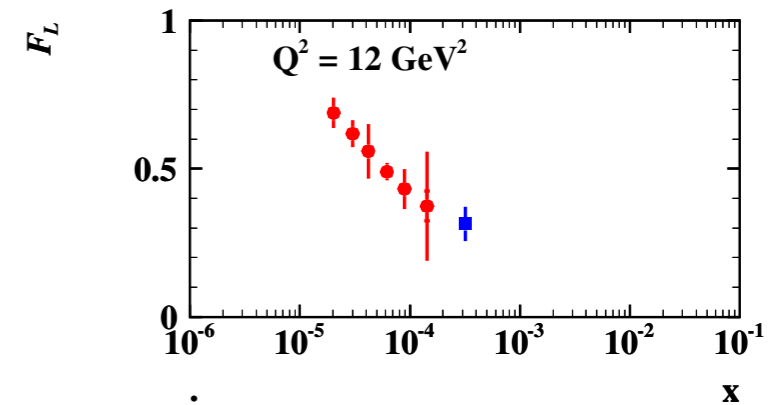
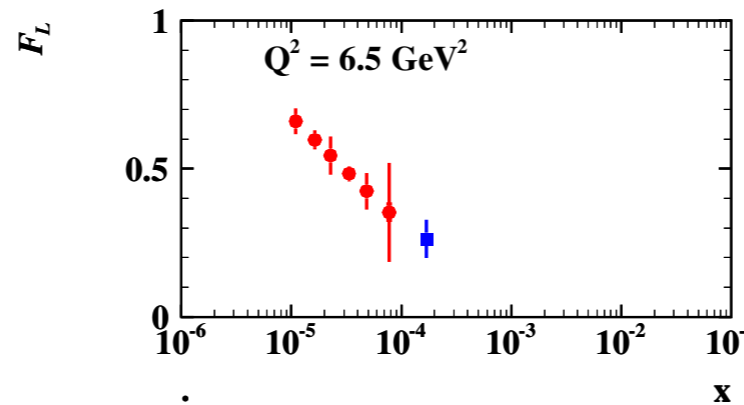
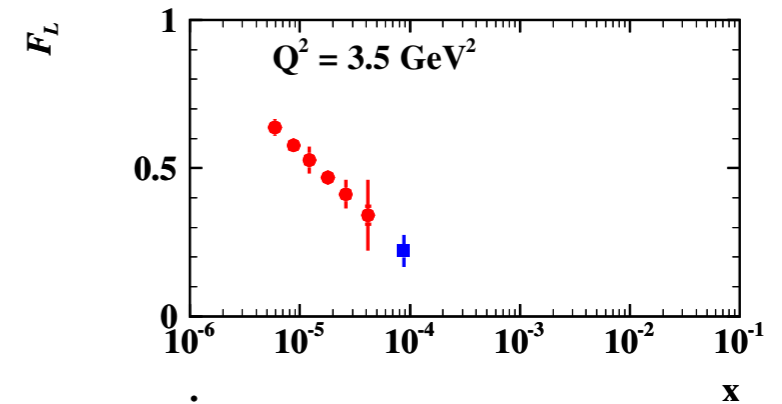
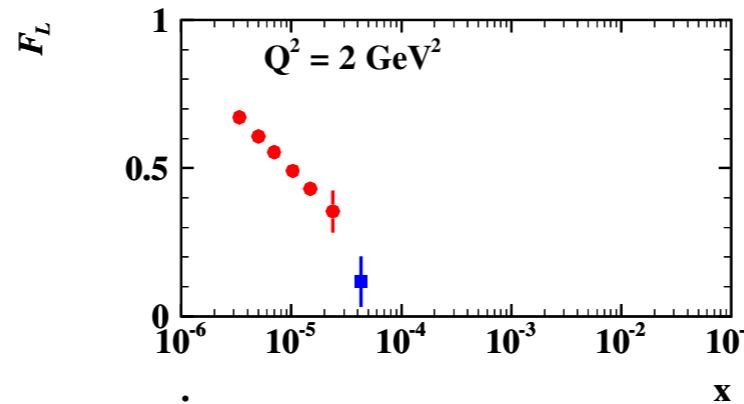


Inclusive measurements

Longitudinal structure
function simulation.
Electron energies and
luminosities:

(60, 1), (30, 0.3), (20, 0.1), (10, 0.05) (GeV, fb⁻¹)

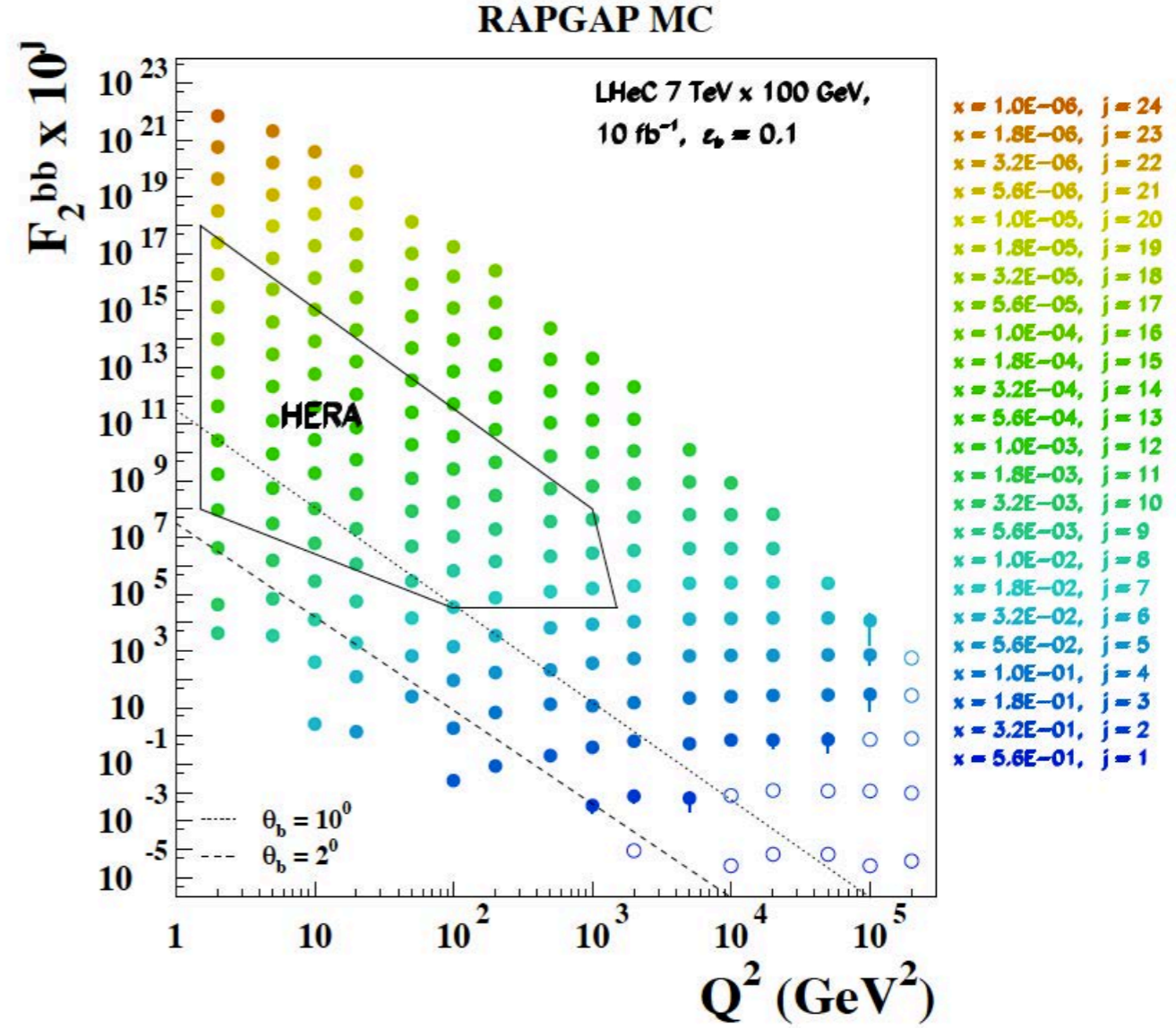
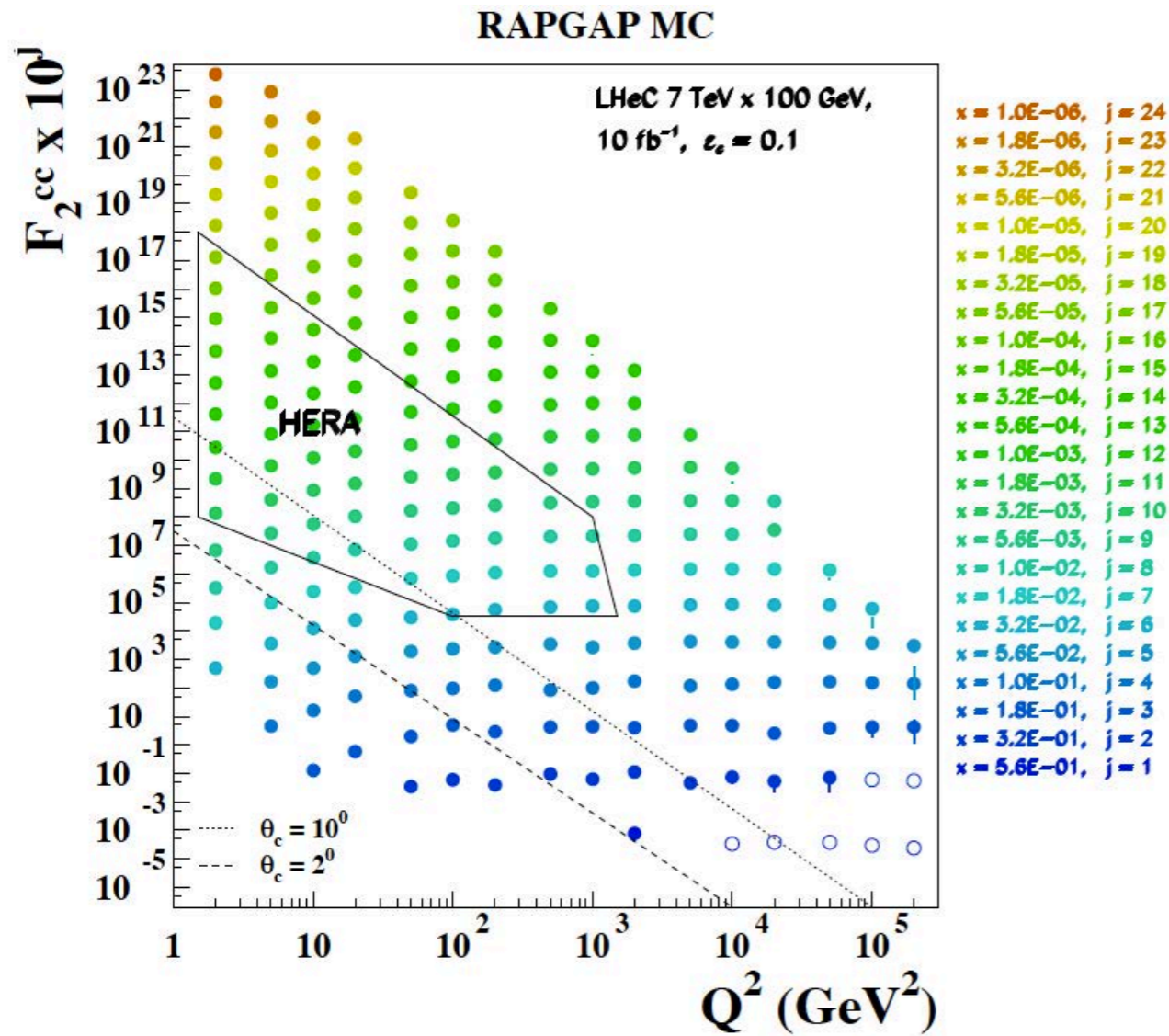
Studies also done with
lowered proton energies.
Maximum y for all beam
energies can be high.
Results from both
simulations are similar.



Heavy flavor in ep

Simulations with RAPGAP MC 3.1

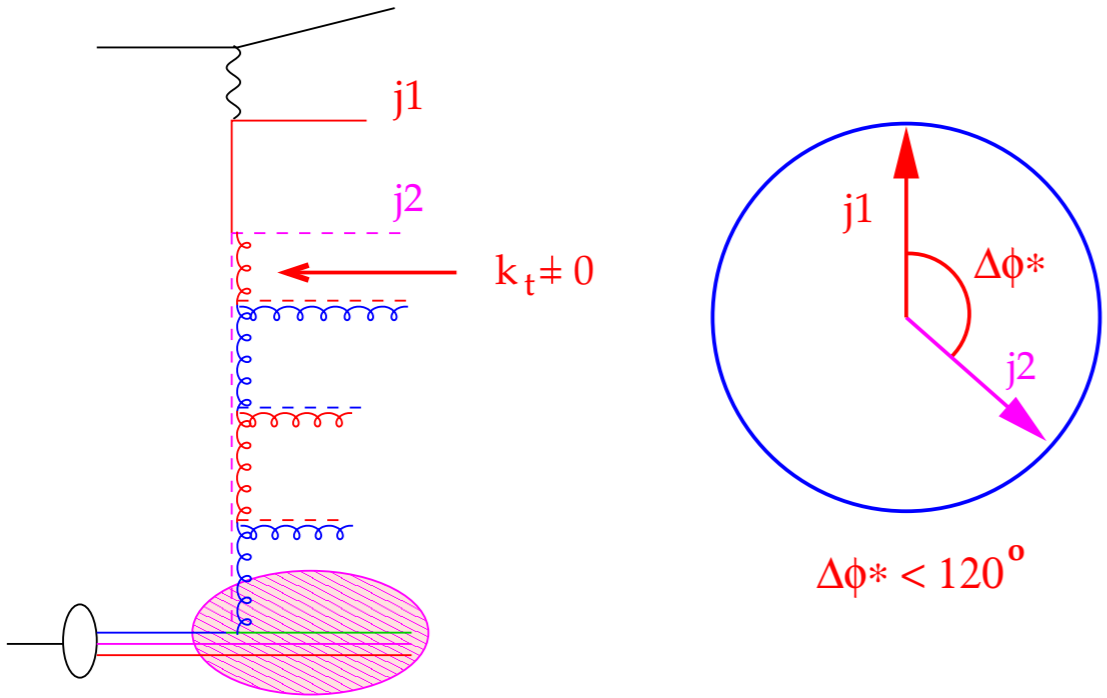
Impressive extension of the phase space.
Both small and large x.



Crucial as a benchmark for the heavy flavor production in nuclei. Can test thoroughly the nuclear effects of in heavy quark production.

Dijets in ep

- Incoming gluon can have sizeable transverse momentum.
- Decorrelation of pairs of jets, which increases with decreasing value of x .
- Collinear approach typically produces narrow back-to-back configuration. Need to go to higher orders (NLO not sufficient).
- Similar process can be studied in eA, sensitivity to density effects.



$$-1 < \eta_{\text{jet}} < 2.5$$

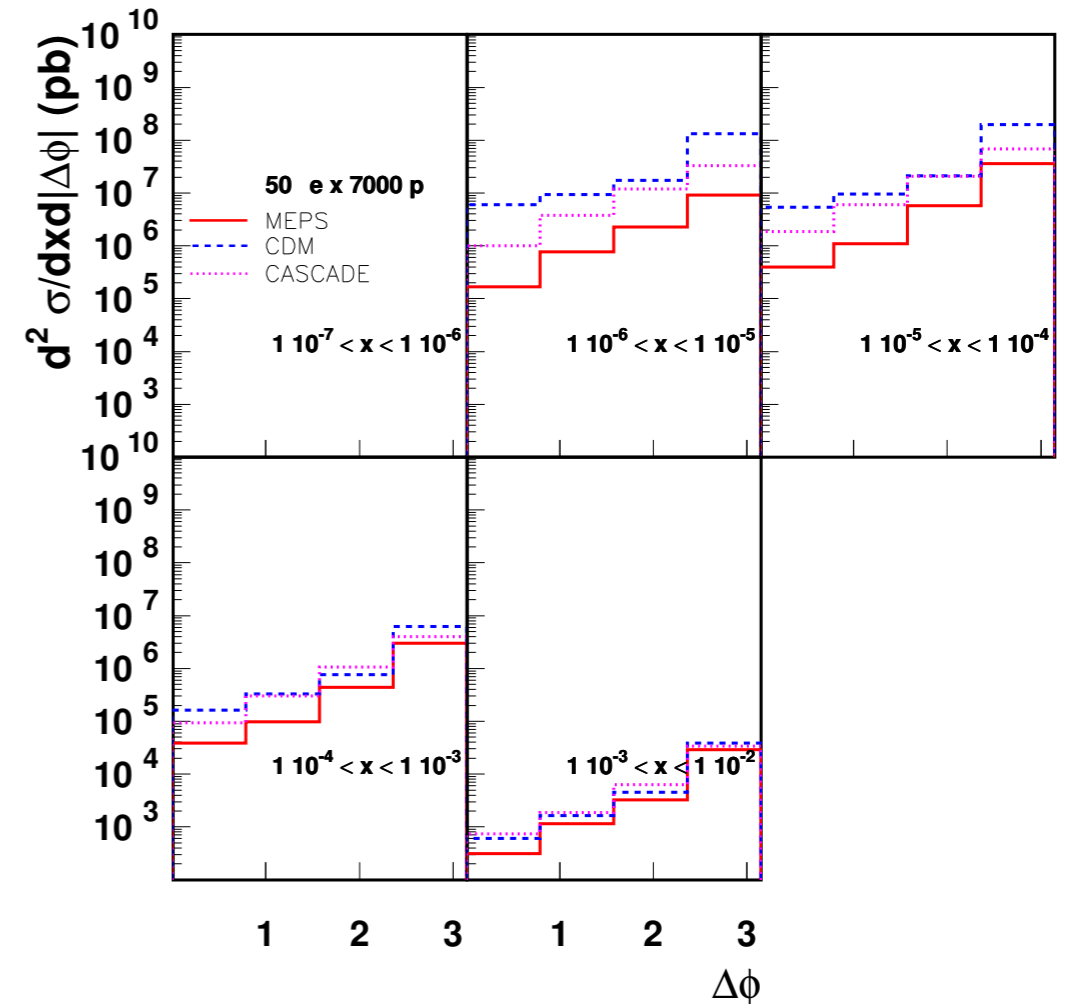
$$0.1 < y < 0.6$$

$$E_{1T} > 7 \text{ GeV}$$

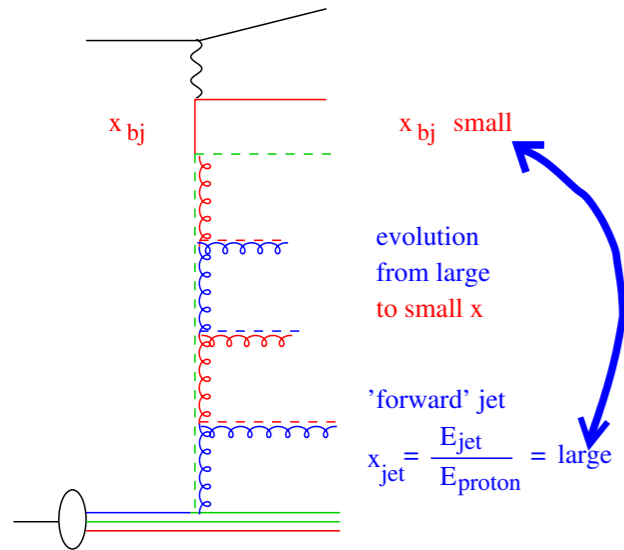
$$Q^2 > 5 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$E_{2T} > 5 \text{ GeV}$$

- All simulations agree at large x .
- CDM, CASCADE give a flatter distribution at small x .



Forward jets



- Forward jet provides the second hard scale.
- By selecting it to be of the order of the photon virtuality, collinear configurations can be suppressed.
- Forward jet, large phase space for gluon emission.
- DGLAP typically underestimates the forward jet production.

Simulations for

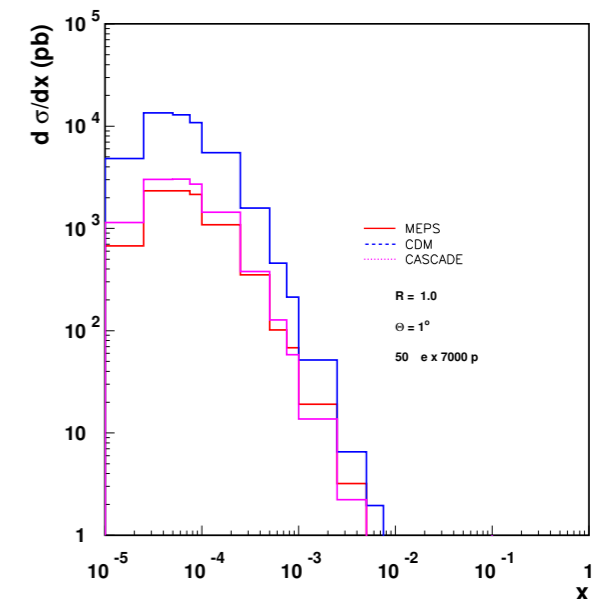
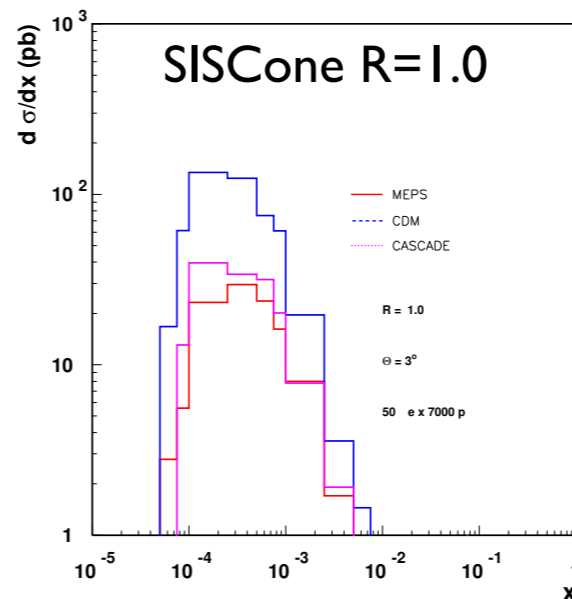
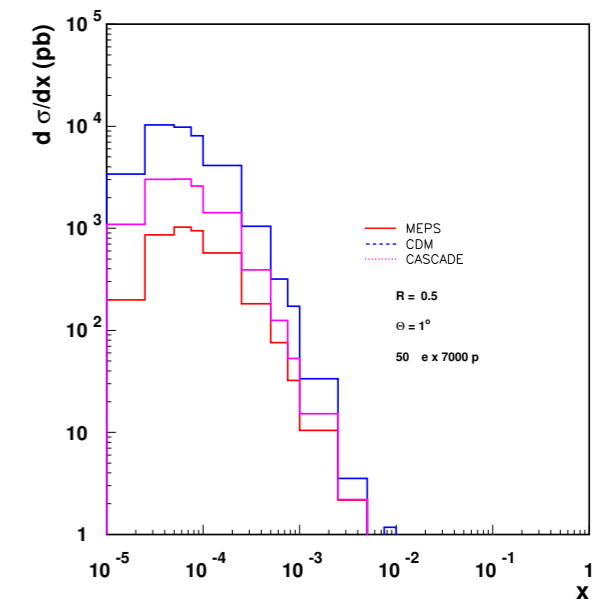
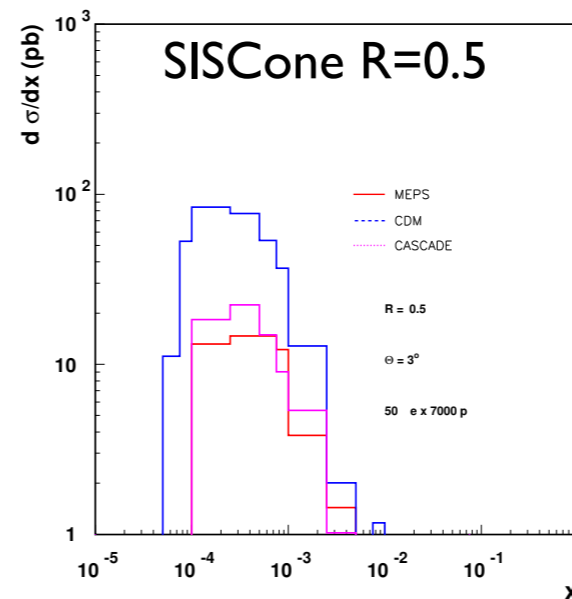
$$\Theta > 3^\circ \quad \text{and} \quad \Theta > 1^\circ$$

Angular acceptance crucial for this measurement.

With $\Theta > 10^\circ$

all the signal for forward jets is lost.

Can explore also forward pions. Lower rates but no dependencies on the jet algorithms. Non-perturbative hadronisation effects included effectively in the fragmentation functions.



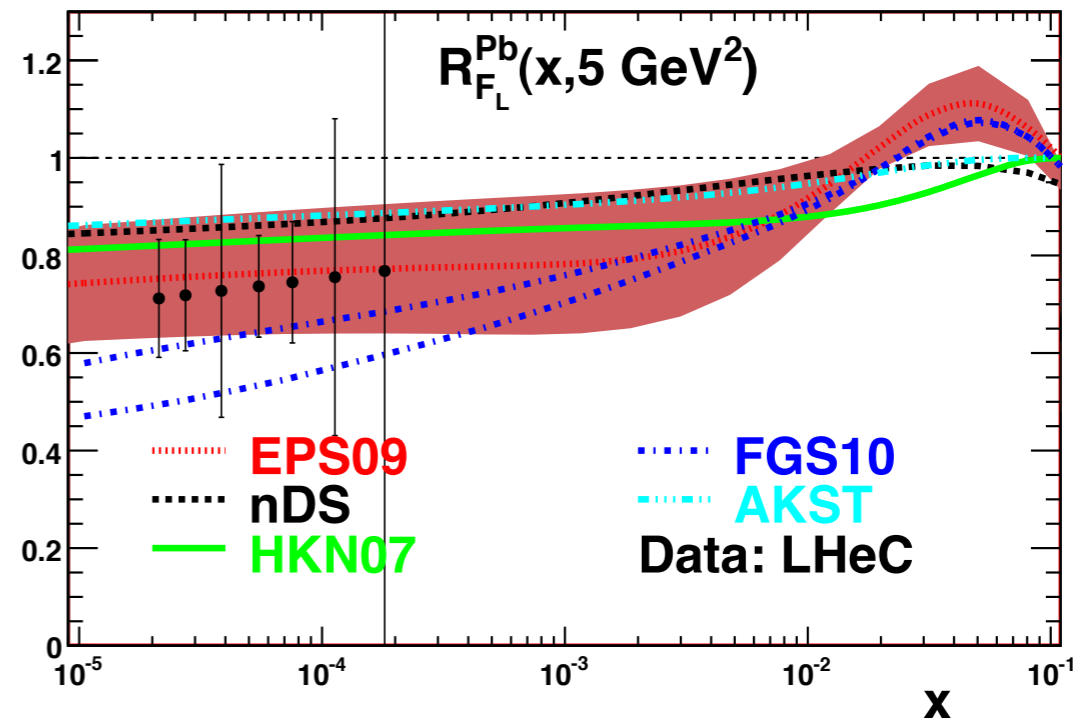
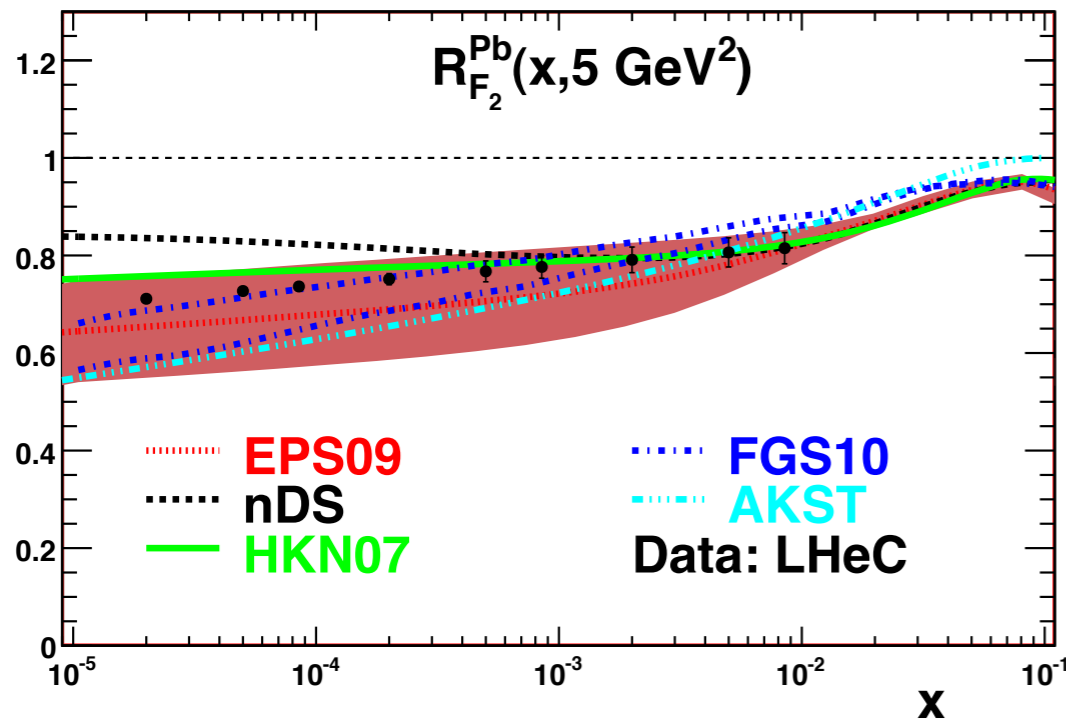
Nuclear ratio for structure function or a parton density:

$$R_f^A(x, Q^2) = \frac{f^A(x, Q^2)}{A \times f^N(x, Q^2)}$$

Nuclear effects

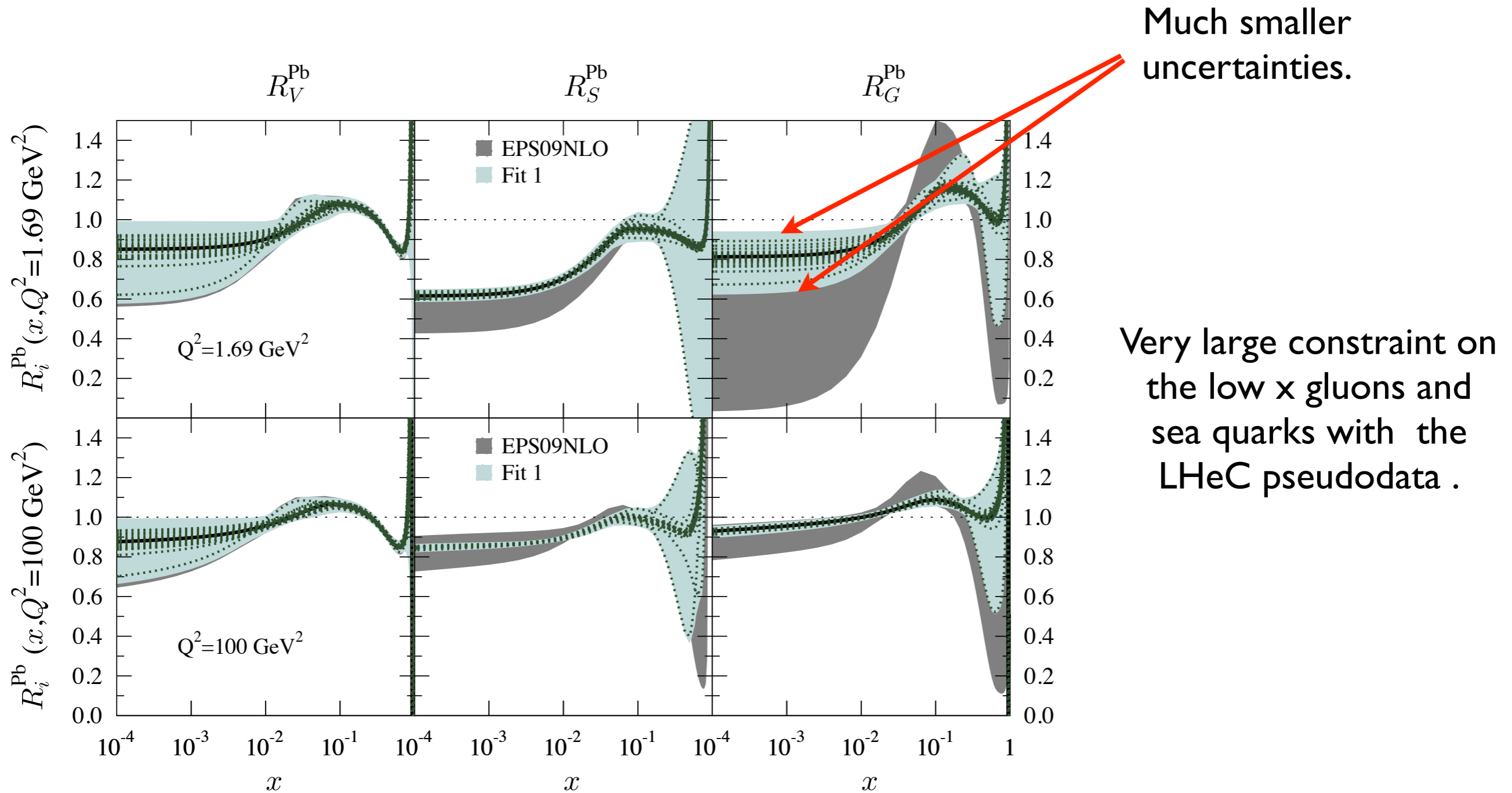
$$R^A \neq 1$$

LHeC potential: precisely measure partonic structure of the nuclei at small x .



Nuclear structure functions measured with very high accuracy.

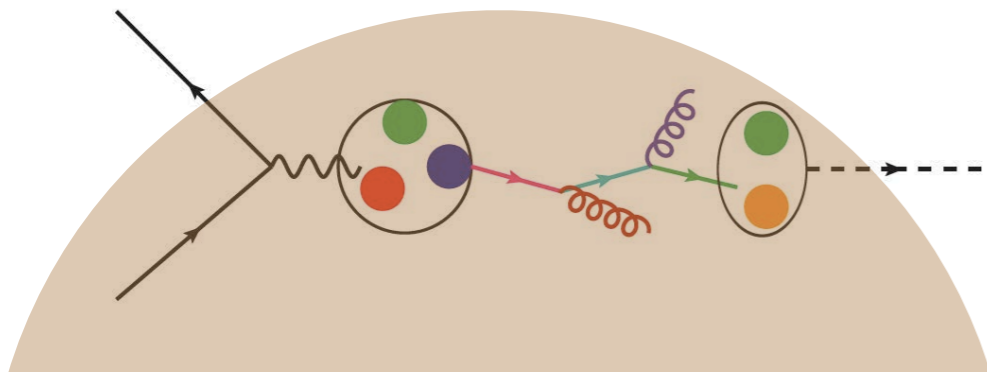
Global NLO fit of nuclear PDFs with the LHeC pseudodata included



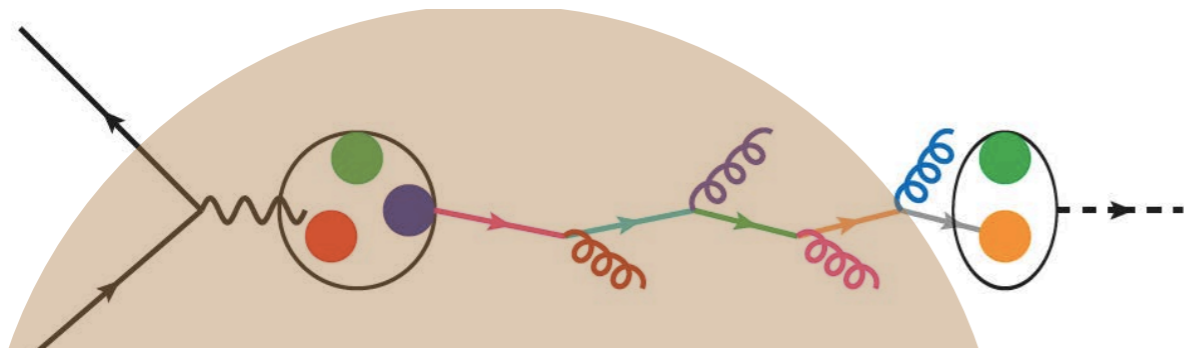
Radiation and Hadronization

- LHeC can provide information on radiation and hadronization.
- Large lever arm in energy allows probing different timescales.
- Important for HI collisions .

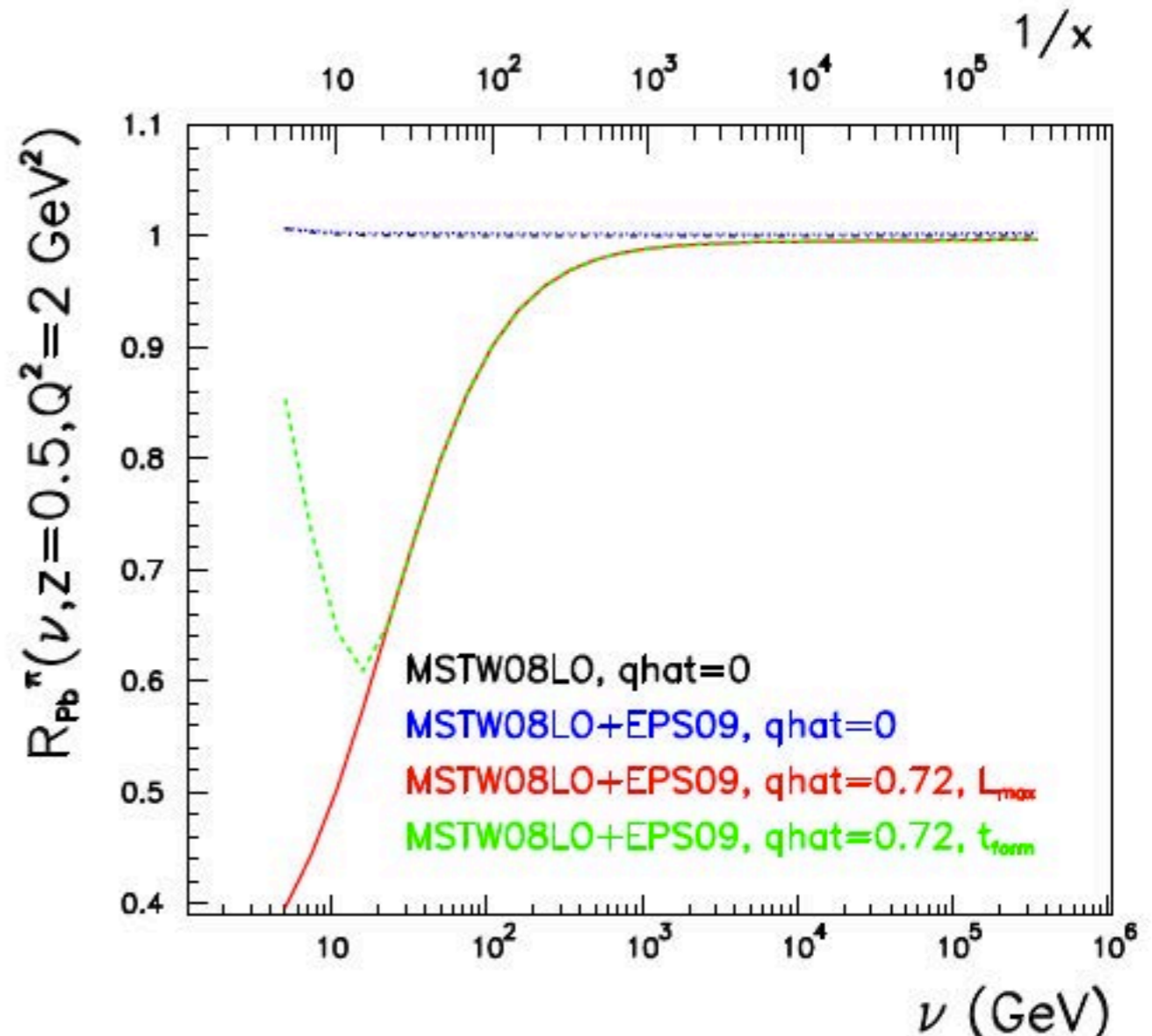
Low energy: hadronization inside



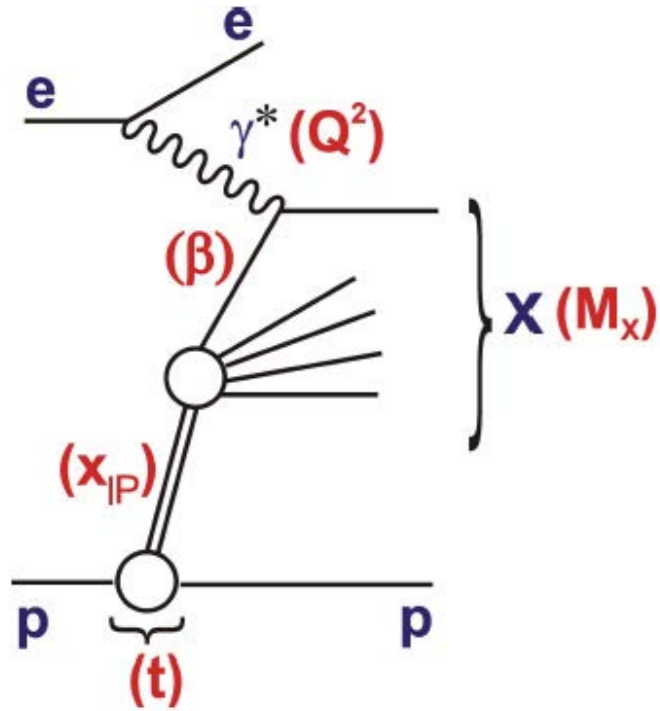
High energy: partonic evolution altered in nuclear medium



$$R_A^k(\nu, z, Q^2) = \frac{1}{N_A^e} \frac{dN_A^k}{d\nu dz} \bigg/ \frac{1}{N_p^e} \frac{dN_p^k}{d\nu dz}$$



Diffraction



$$x_{IP} = \frac{Q^2 + M_X^2 - t}{Q^2 + W^2}$$

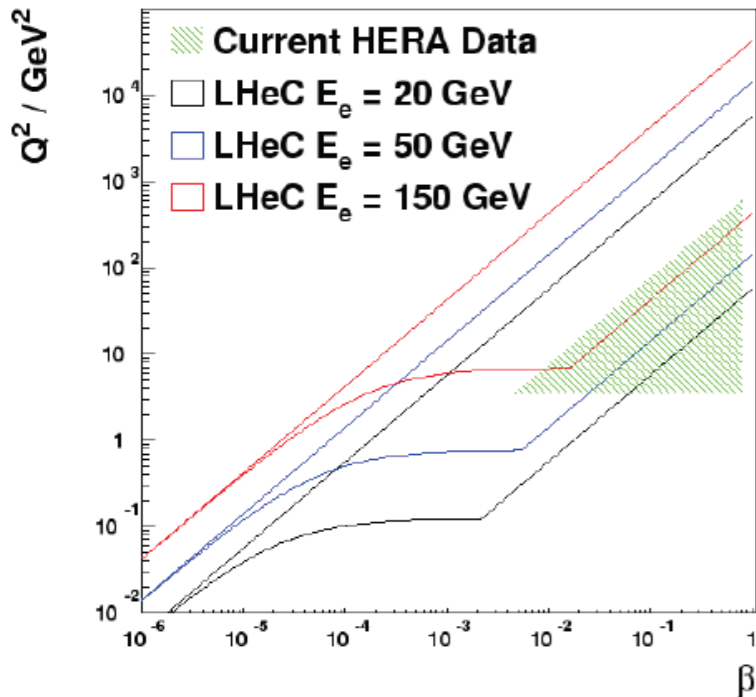
$$\beta = \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + M_X^2 - t}$$

$$x_{Bj} = x_{IP} \beta$$

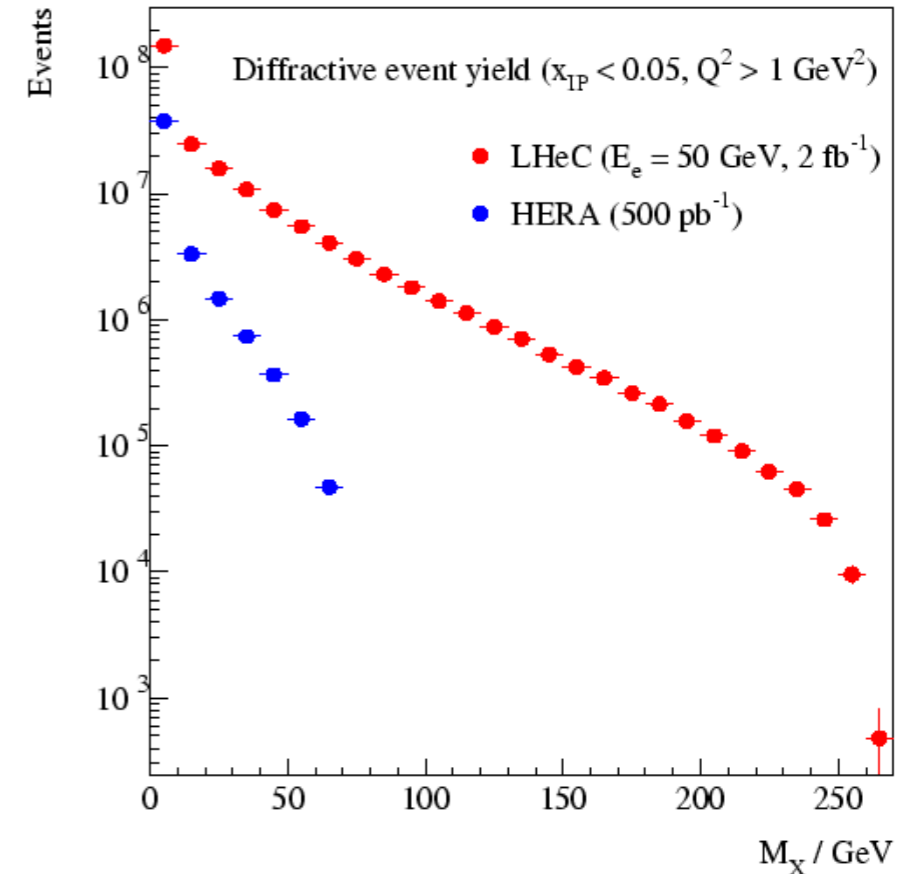
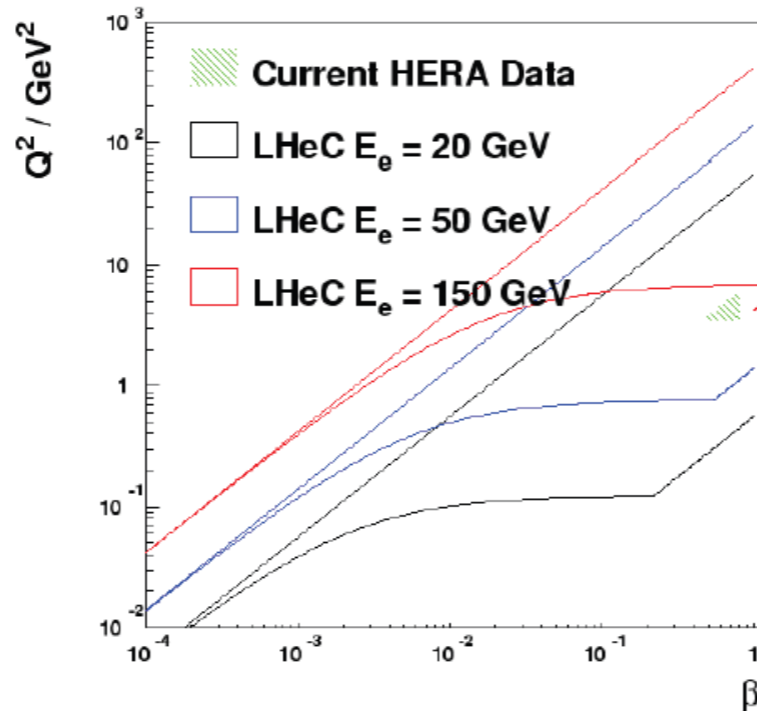
momentum fraction of the Pomeron w.r.t hadron

momentum fraction of parton w.r.t Pomeron

Diffractive Kinematics at $x_{IP}=0.01$



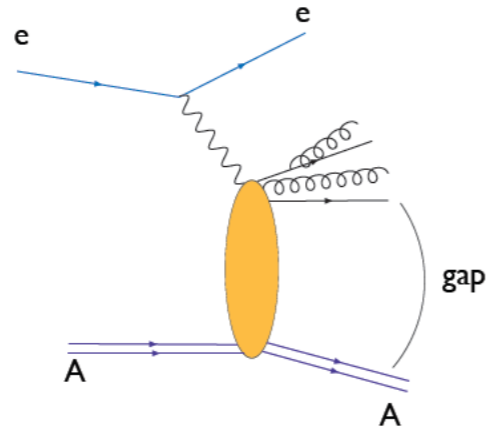
Diffractive Kinematics at $x_{IP}=0.0001$



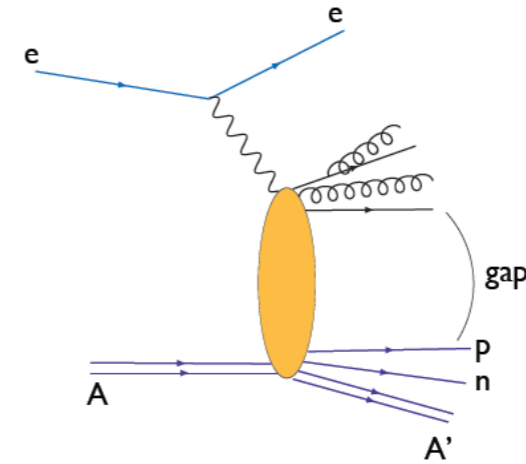
Methods: Leading proton tagging, large rapidity gap selection

New domain of diffractive masses
 M_X can include W/Z/beauty

Inclusive diffraction in eA

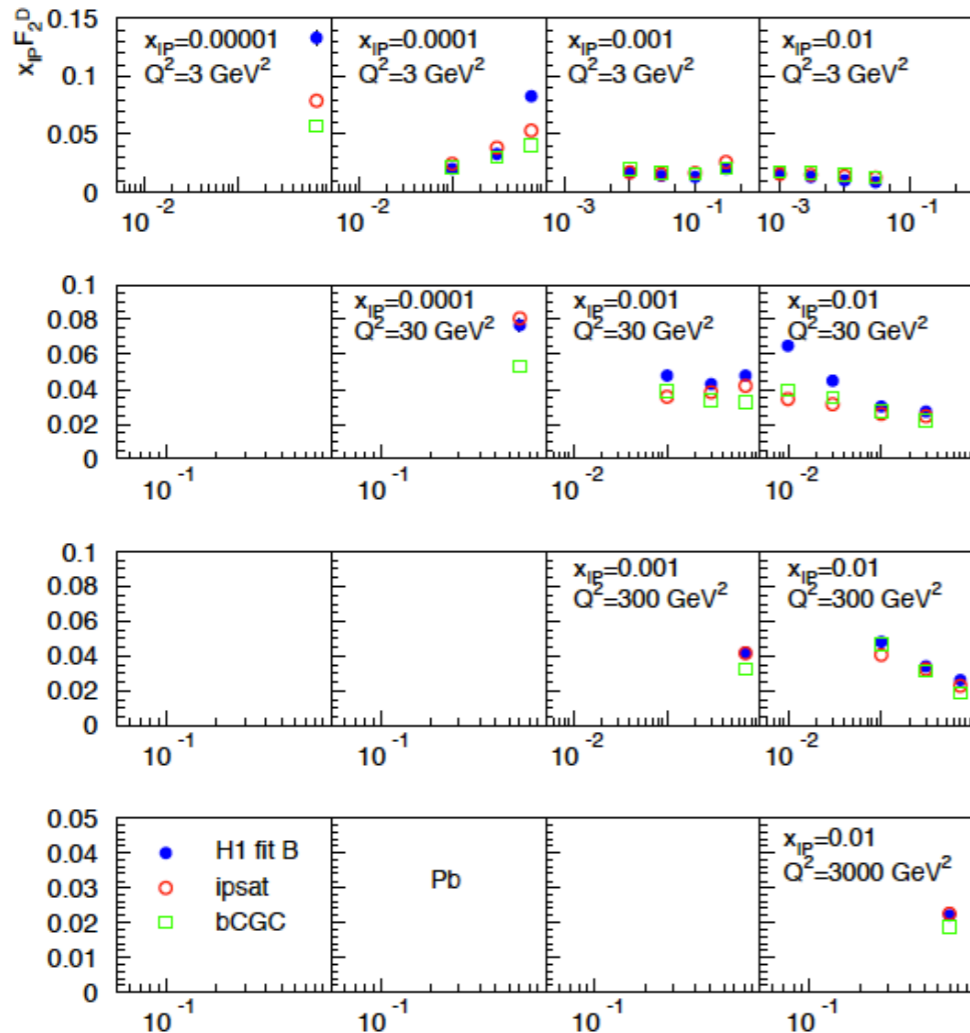


coherent

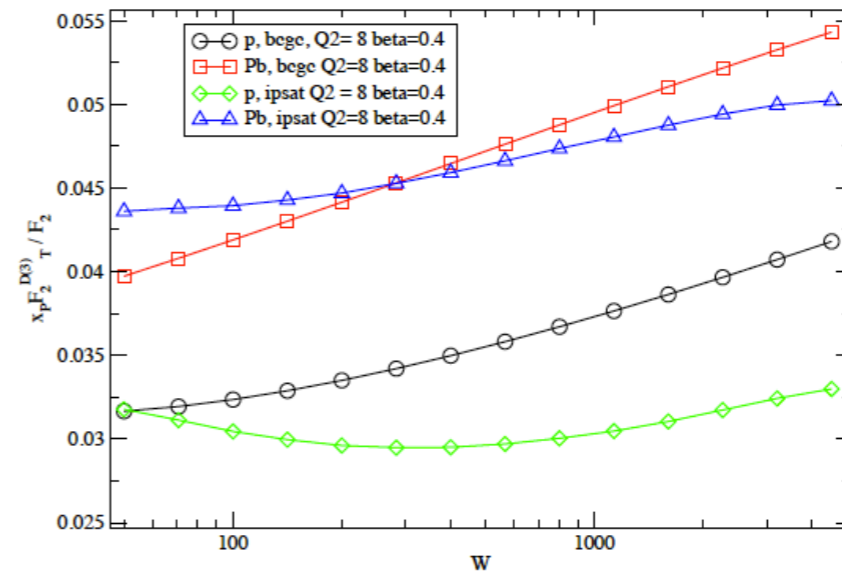


incoherent

Diffractive structure function for Pb



Diffractive to inclusive ratio for protons and Pb

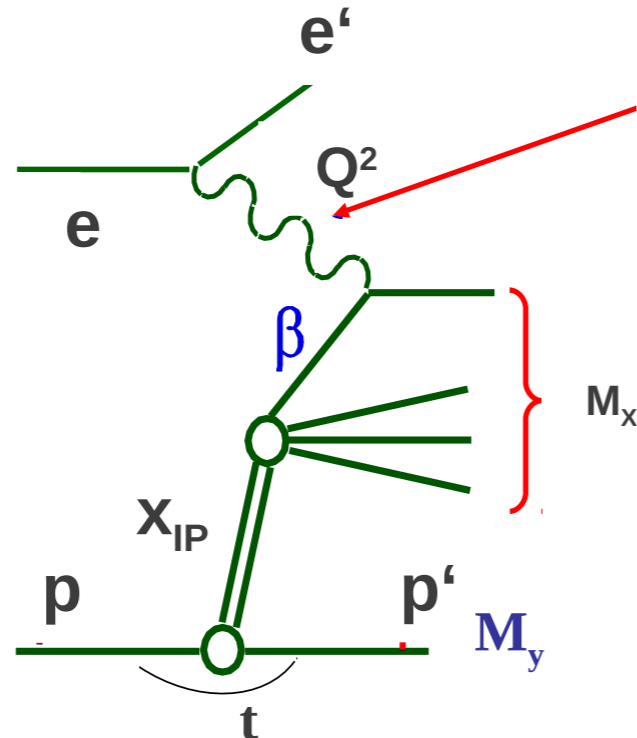


Enhanced diffraction in the nuclear case

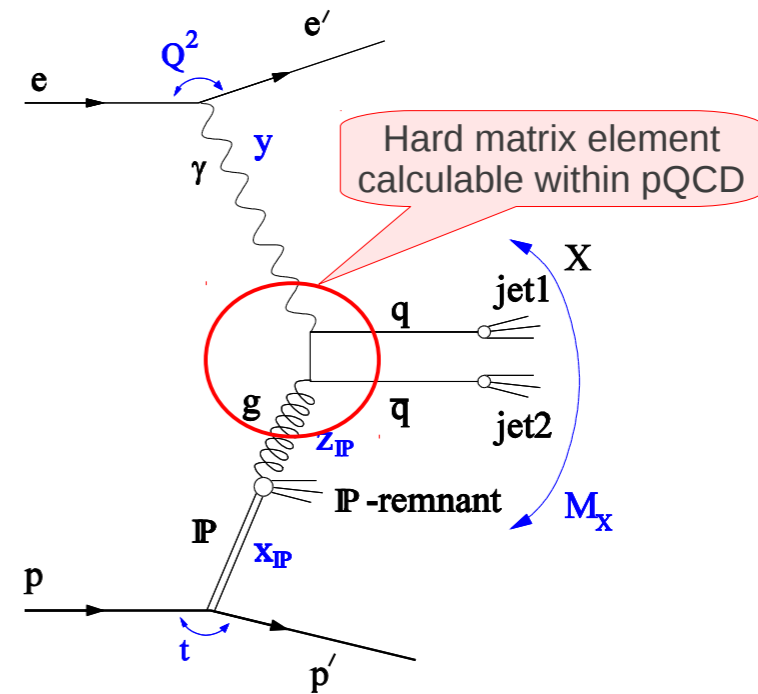
Study of diffractive dijets, heavy quarks for the factorization tests

Factorization in diffraction

Inclusive diffraction



Diffractive dijets



QCD factorization holds for inclusive and exclusive processes if:

- photon is point-like (Q^2 is high enough)
 - higher twist corrections are negligible (problems for small Q^2 around $\beta \simeq 1$)
- QCD factorization theoretically proven for DIS (Collins 1998)

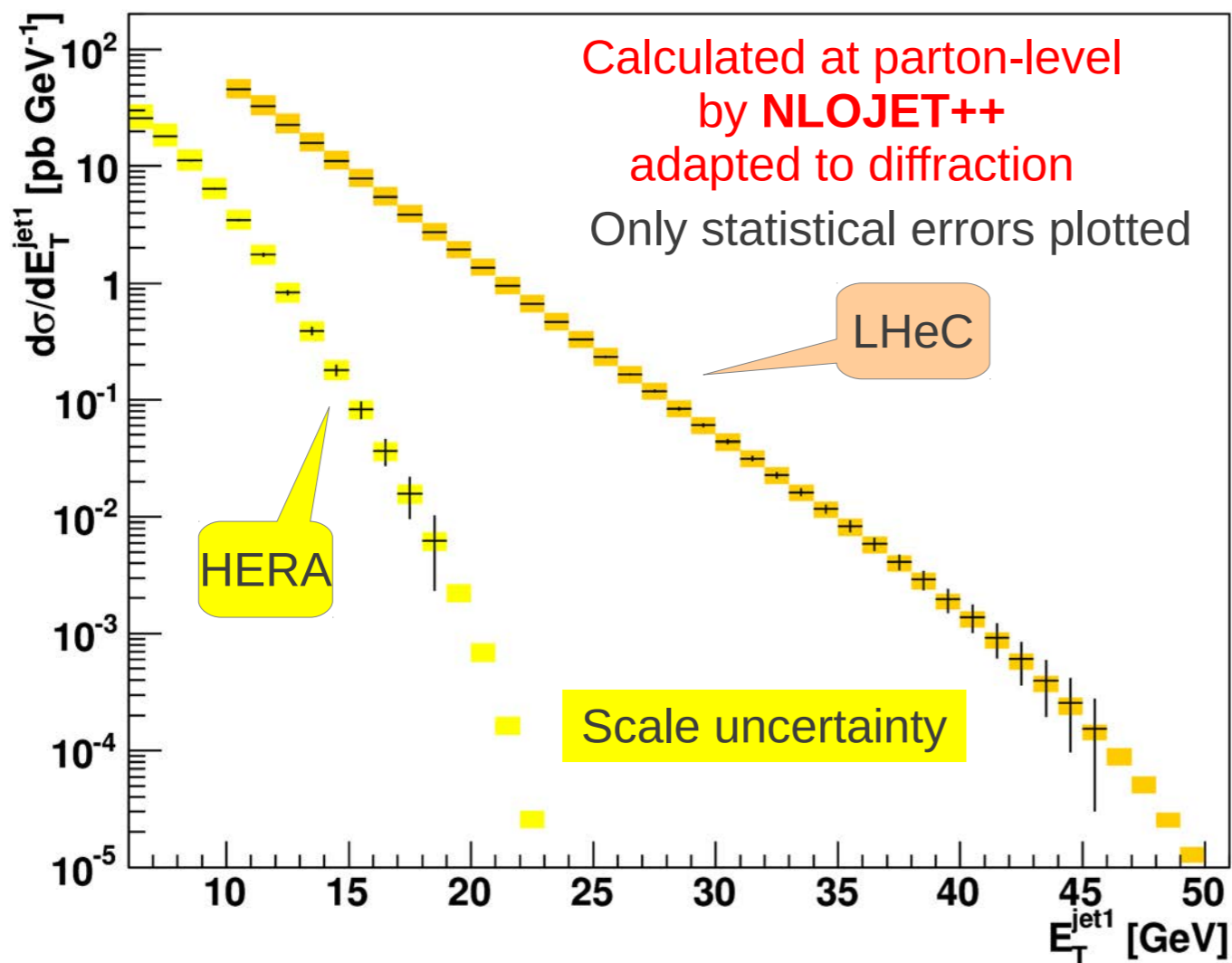
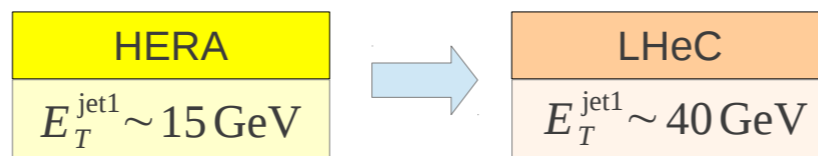
$$d\sigma^D(\gamma p \rightarrow Xp) = \sum_{parton_i} f_i^D(\beta, Q^2, x_{IP}, t) * d\hat{\sigma}^{\gamma i}(x, Q^2)$$

f_i^D DPDFs, obeys DGLAP evolution, process independent

$d\hat{\sigma}^{\gamma i}$ Process dependent partonic x-section, calculable within pQCD

DIS Dijets HERA vs LHeC Comparison of Synthetic Data

- Higher CMS energy makes higher scales accessible



920 + 27.5 HERA (400 pb^{-1})

$$Q^2 > 4 \text{ GeV}^2 \wedge 0.1 < y < 0.7$$

$$x_{IP} < 0.03 \wedge |t| < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$M_Y < 1.6 \text{ GeV}$$

$$E_T^{\text{jet1}} > 6 \text{ GeV}$$

$$E_T^{\text{jet2}} > 4 \text{ GeV}$$

$$-1 < \eta^{\text{jets}} < 2$$

7000 + 60 LHeC (10 fb^{-1})

$$Q^2 > 2 \text{ GeV}^2 \wedge 0.1 < y < 0.7$$

$$x_{IP} < 0.01 \wedge |t| < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$M_Y < 1.6 \text{ GeV}$$

$$E_T^{\text{jet1}} > 10 \text{ GeV}$$

$$E_T^{\text{jet2}} > 6.5 \text{ GeV}$$

$$-3 < \eta^{\text{jets}} < 3$$

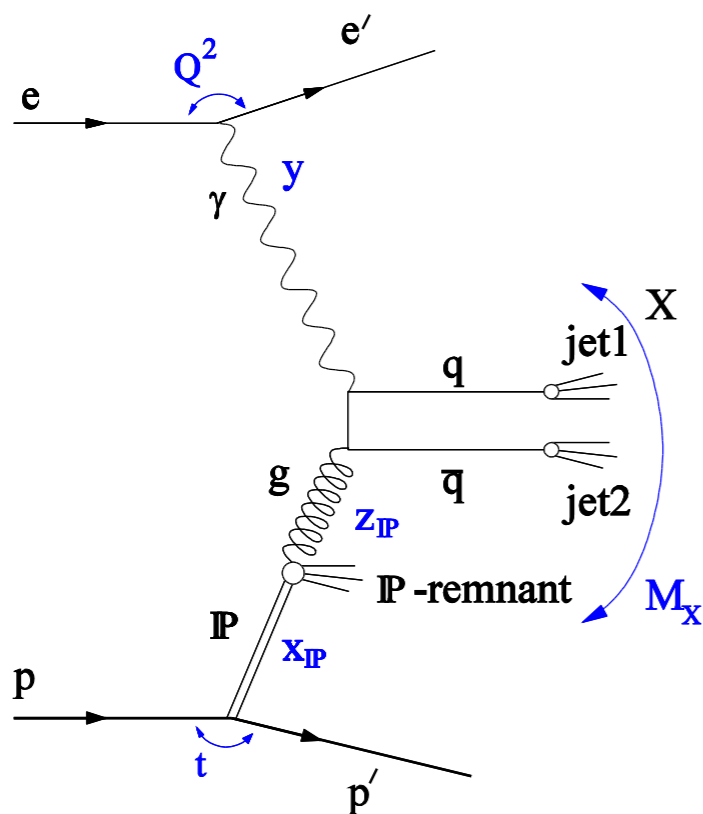
$$Q^2 > 2 \text{ GeV}^2 \rightarrow \theta_{el} < 178.5^\circ$$

$$Q^2 > 4 \text{ GeV}^2 \rightarrow \theta_{el} < 176.5^\circ$$

Diffractive Dijet Photoproduction

Direct

No photon remnant
 $x_\gamma = 1$ (at parton-level)
 Dominant for high Q^2
 (near DIS region)

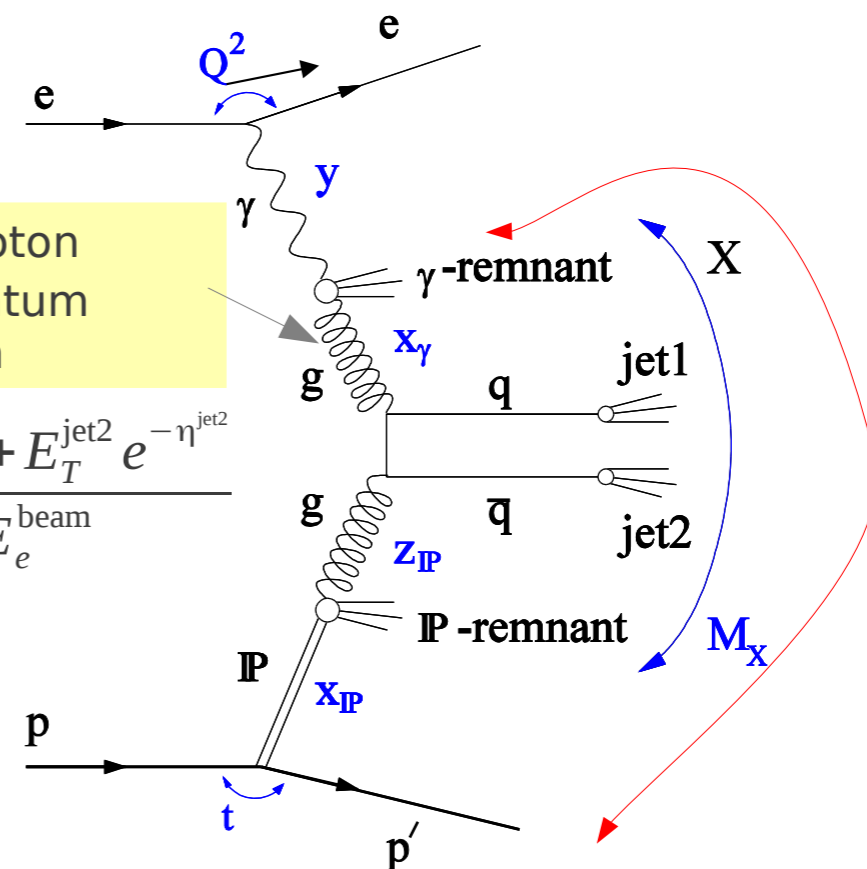


Resolved

photon remnant
 $x_\gamma < 1$
 Dominant for low Q^2 , γ -PDF introduced:

x_γ - photon momentum fraction

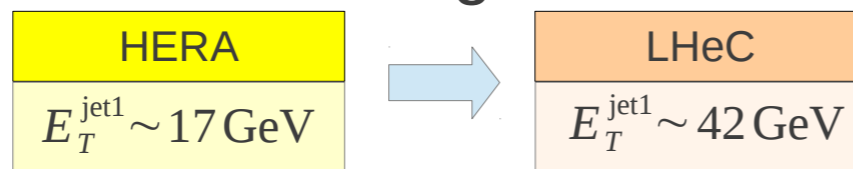
$$x_\gamma = \frac{E_T^{\text{jet1}} e^{-\eta^{\text{jet1}}} + E_T^{\text{jet2}} e^{-\eta^{\text{jet2}}}}{2y E_e^{\text{beam}}}$$



Additional interactions which spoil rap. Gap? (like in pp)

PHP Dijets HERA vs LHeC

- Due to much higher E_T^{jet} jets at LHeC is LHeC better tool to investigate possible factorisation breaking



Calculated at parton-level
by **Frixione NLO**
adapted to diffraction

920 + 27.5 HERA (400 pb⁻¹)

$$Q^2 < 2 \text{ GeV}^2 \wedge 0.2 < y < 0.8$$

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$$E_T^{\text{jet1}} > 6 \text{ GeV}$$

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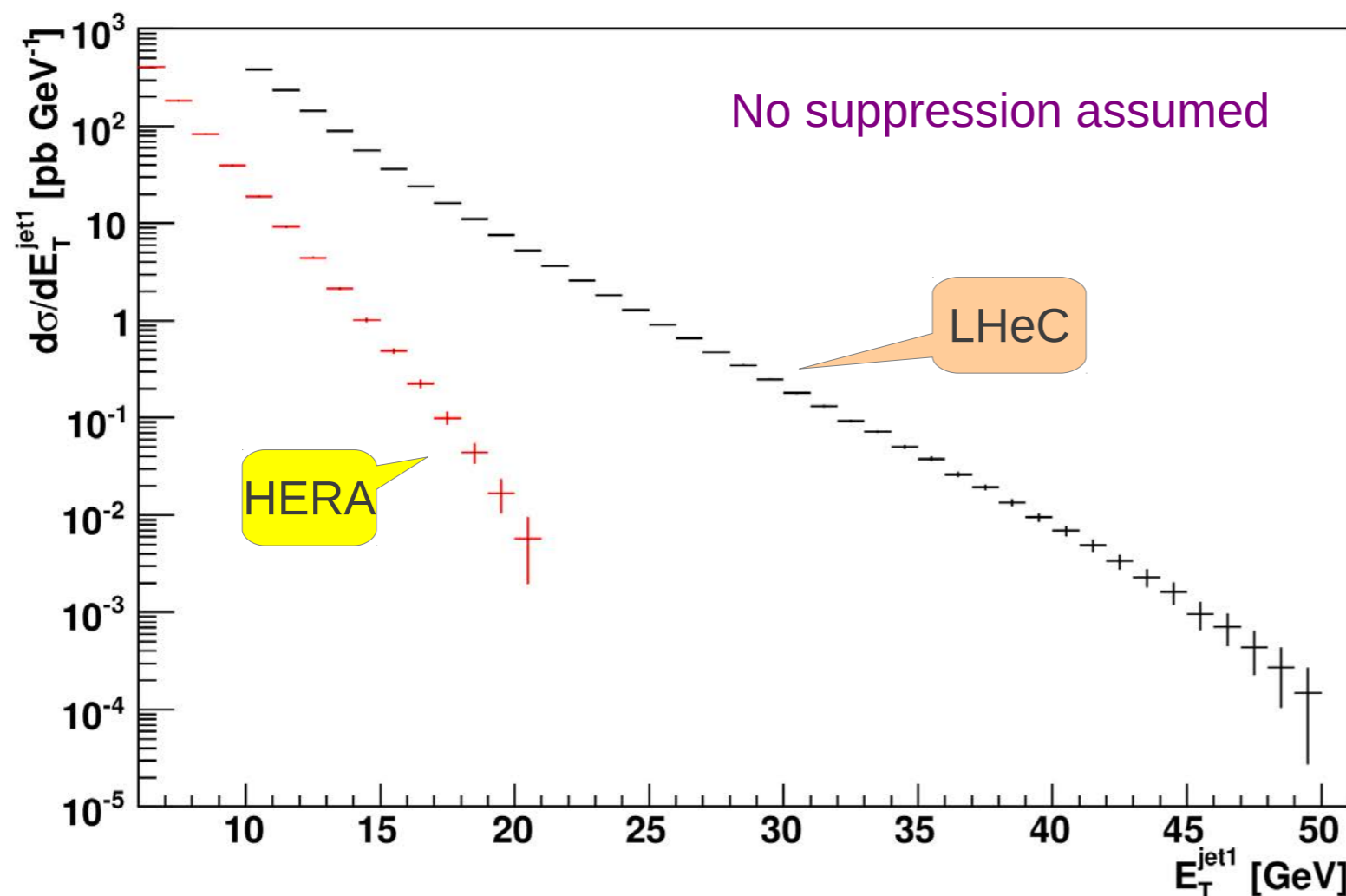
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$$E_T^{\text{jet1}} > 10 \text{ GeV}$$

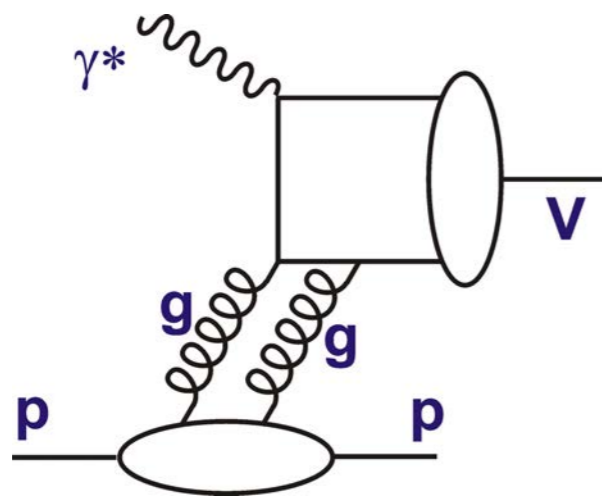
$$E_T^{\text{jet2}} > 6.5 \text{ GeV}$$

$$-3 < \eta^{\text{jets}} < 3$$



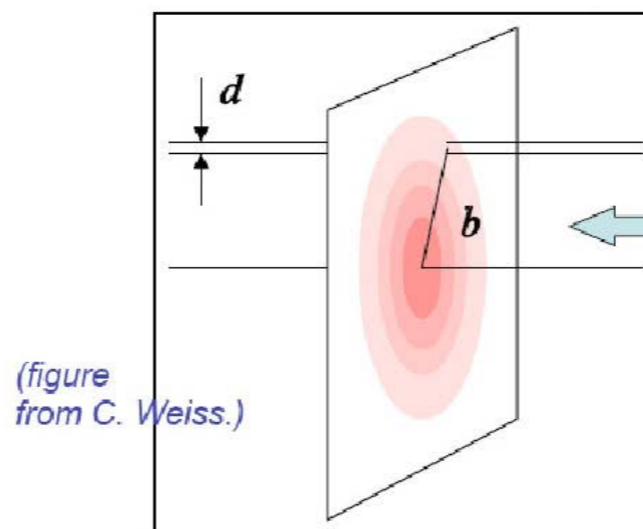
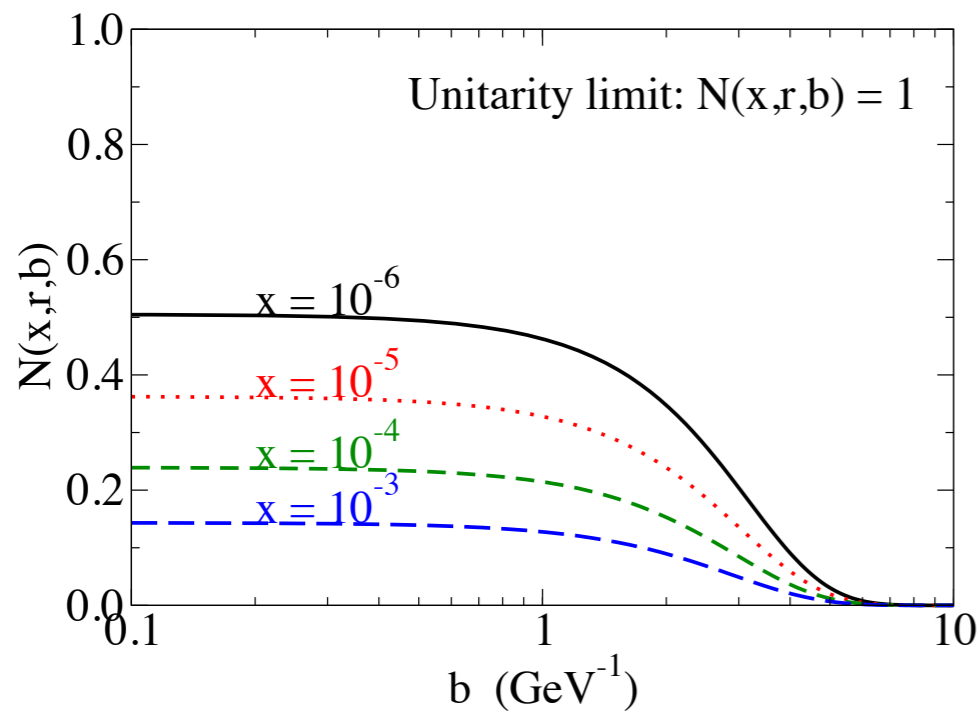
Only statistical errors of synthetic data depicted
No acceptance and detector smearing effects take into account

Exclusive diffraction



- Exclusive diffractive production of VM is an excellent process for extracting the dipole amplitude and GPDs
- Suitable process for estimating the ‘blackness’ of the interaction.
- t -dependence provides an information about the impact parameter profile of the amplitude.

"b-Sat" dipole scattering amplitude with $r = 1 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$



(figure from C. Weiss.)

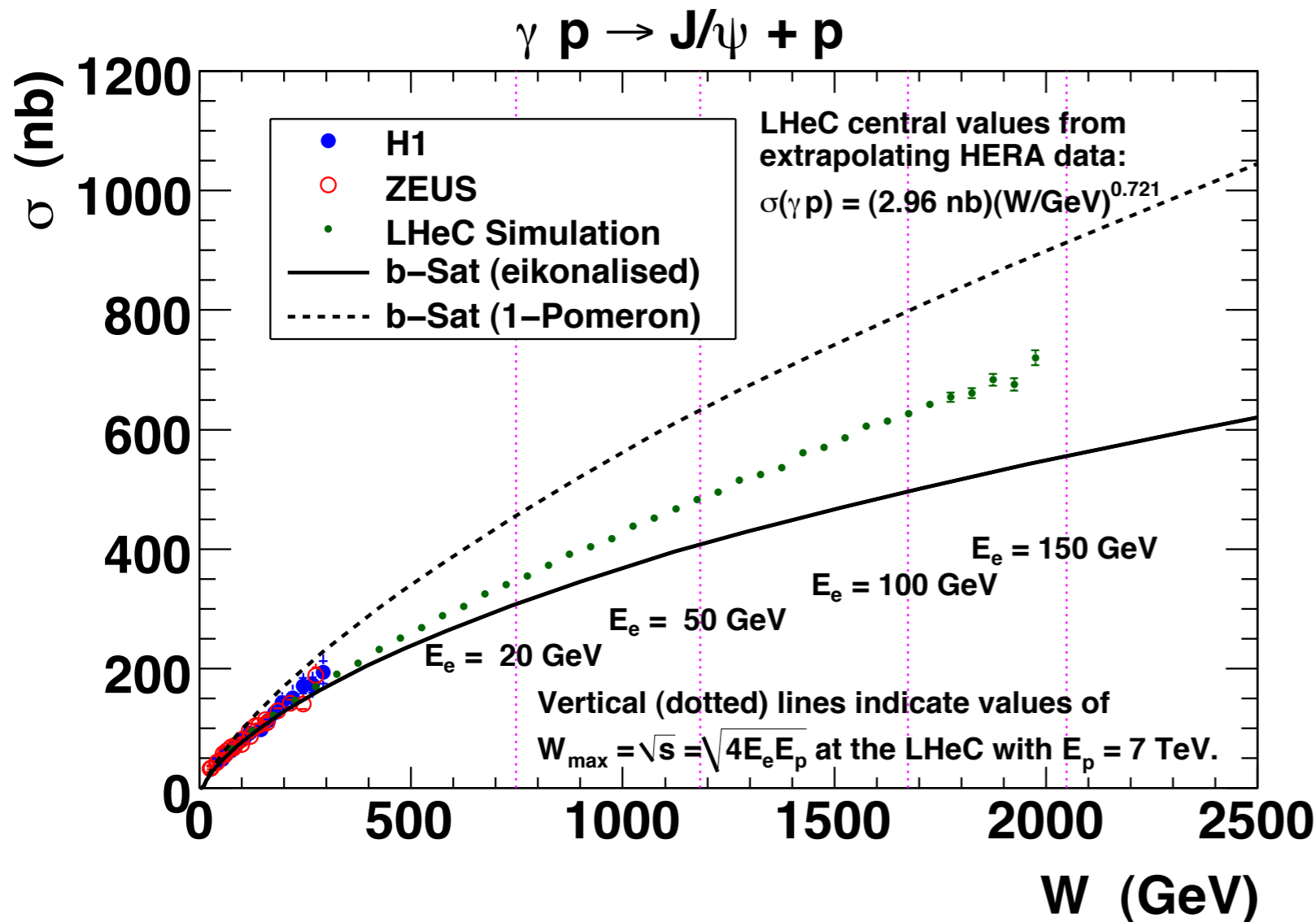
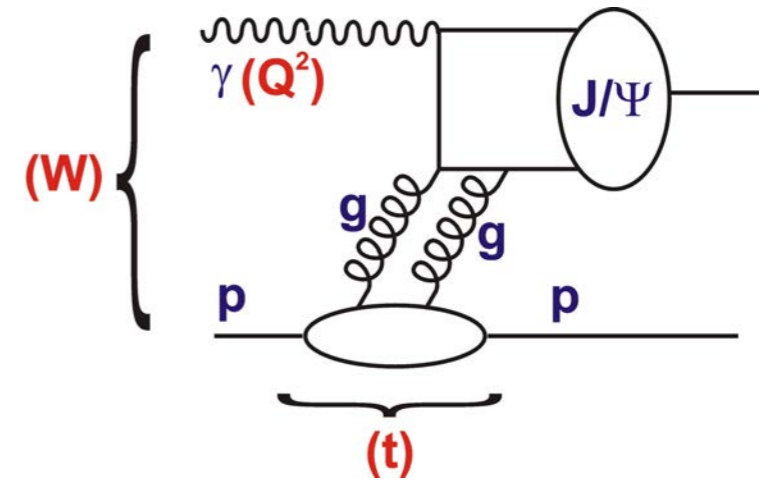
Central black region growing with decrease of x .

Large momentum transfer t probes small impact parameter where the density of interaction region is most dense.

Exclusive diffraction: predictions

$$\sigma_{\gamma p \rightarrow J/\Psi + p}(W)$$

- b-Sat dipole model (Golec-Biernat, Wuesthoff, Bartels, Motyka, Kowalski, Watt)
- eikonalised: with saturation
- I-Pomeron: no saturation



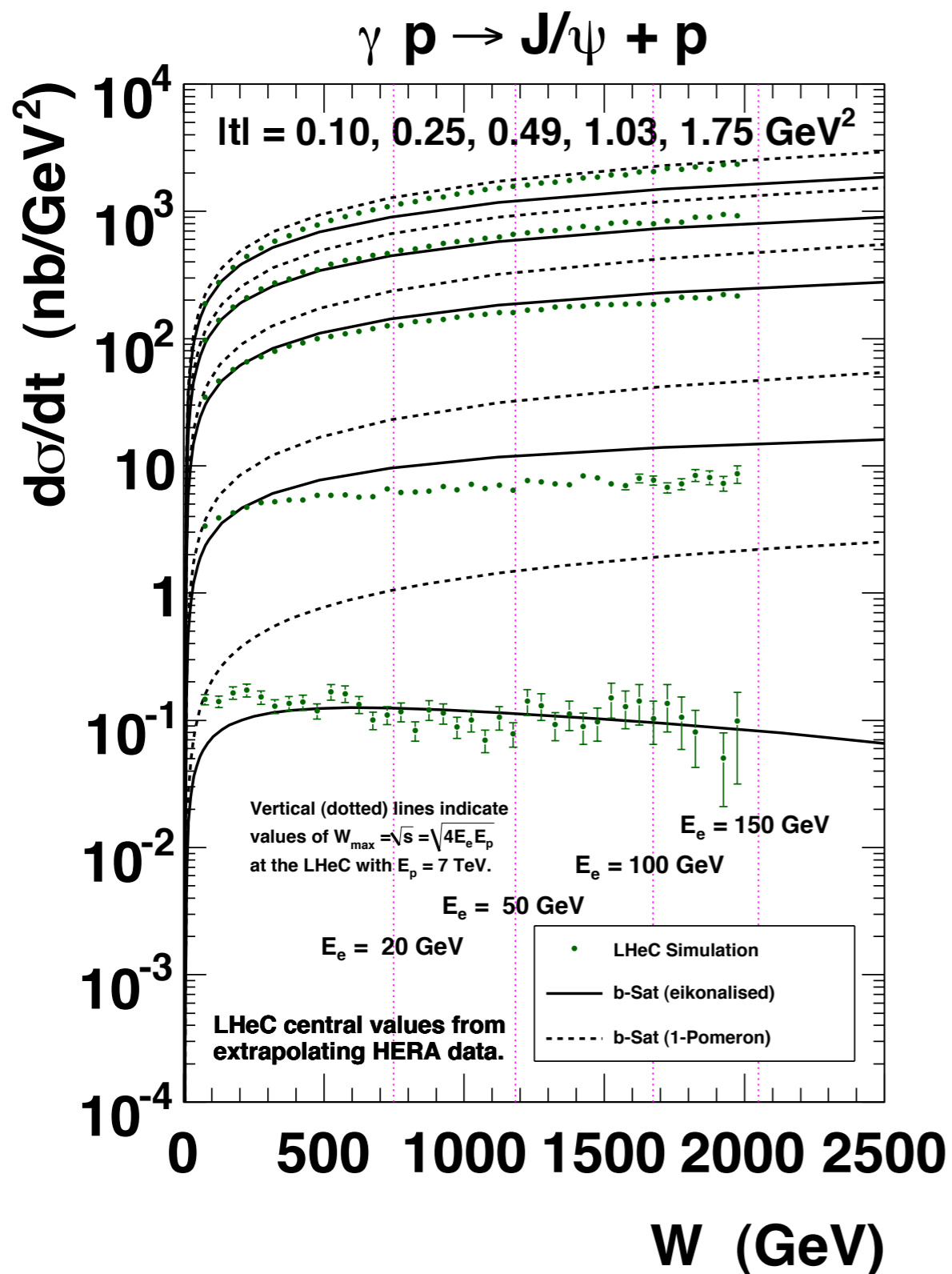
Large effects even for the t-integrated observable.

Different W behavior depending whether saturation is included or not.

Simulated data are from extrapolated fit to HERA data

LHeC can distinguish between the different scenarios.

Exclusive diffraction: t-dependence

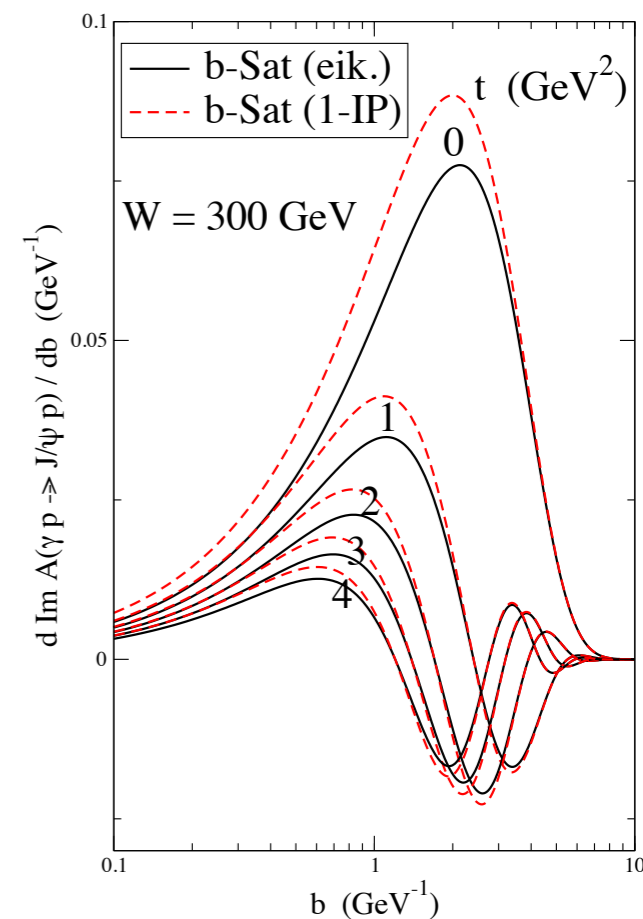


Photoproduction in bins of W and t .

Already for small values of t and smallest energies large discrepancies between the models. LHeC can discriminate.

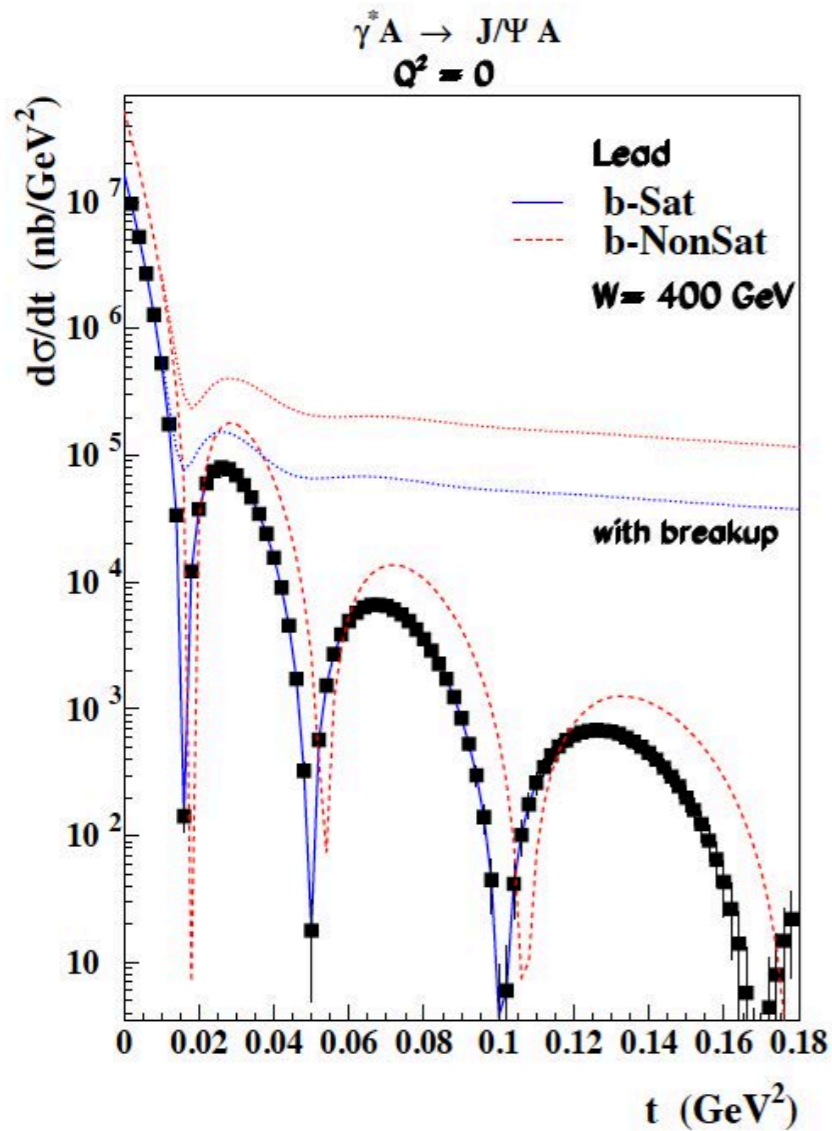
Large values of t : increased sensitivity to small impact parameters.

Amplitude as a function of the impact parameter.

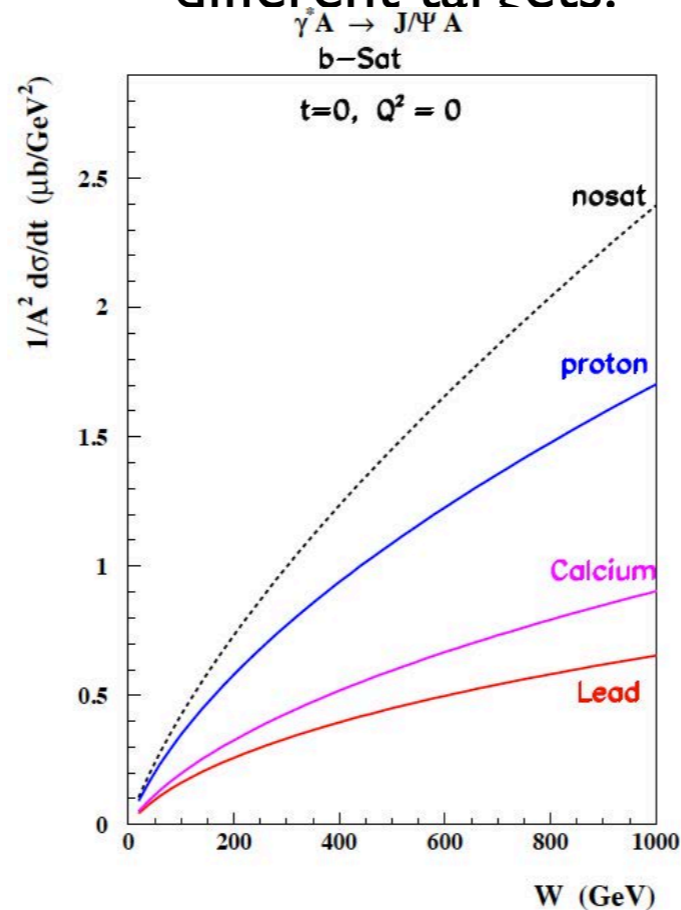


Exclusive diffraction on nuclei

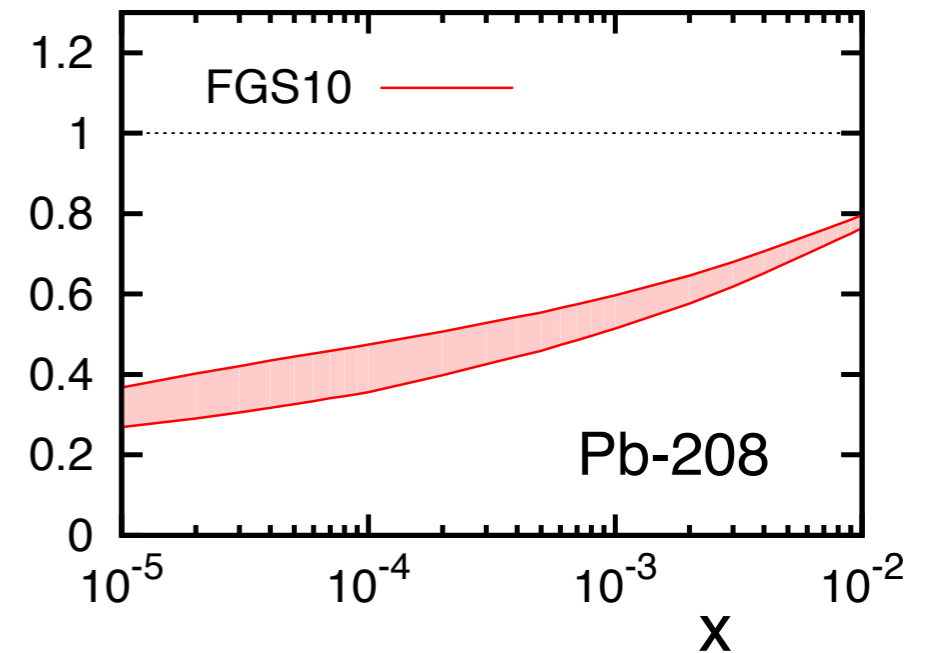
Possibility of using the same principle to learn about the gluon distribution in the nucleus.
Possible nuclear resonances at small t ?



Energy dependence for different targets.



Nuclear modification factor for gluon density squared

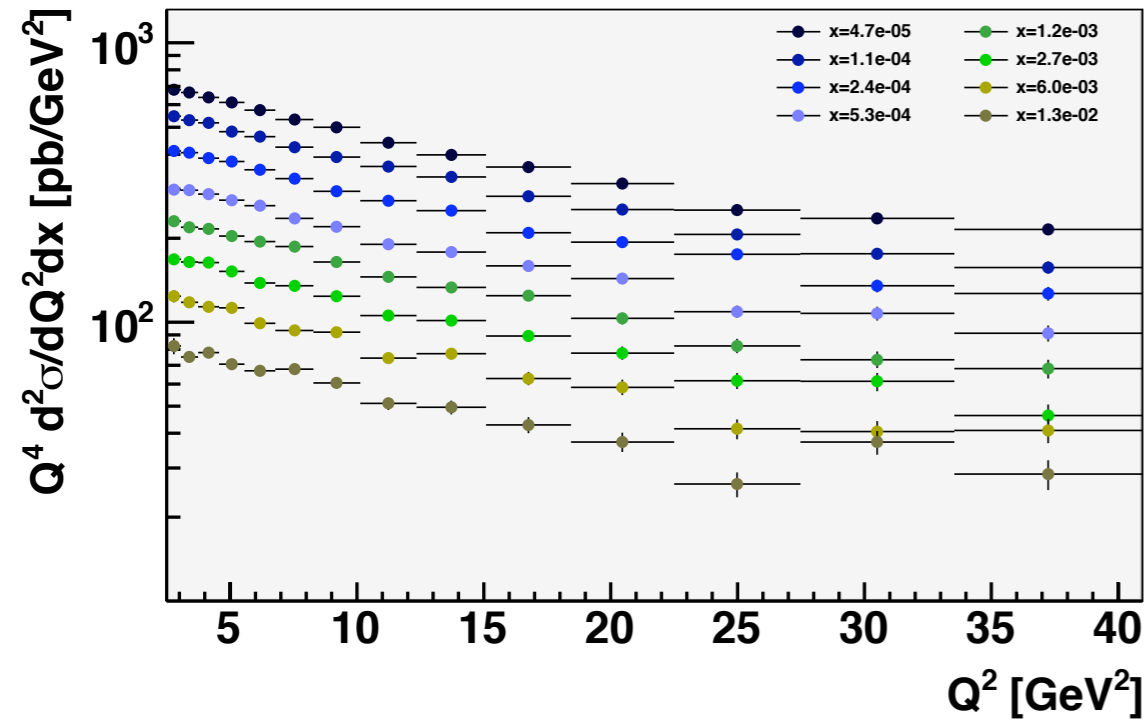


t -dependence: characteristic dips.

Challenges: need to distinguish between coherent and incoherent diffraction. Need dedicated instrumentation, zero degree calorimeter.

Exclusive processes: DVCS

MILOU generator using Frankfurt, Freund, Strikman model.



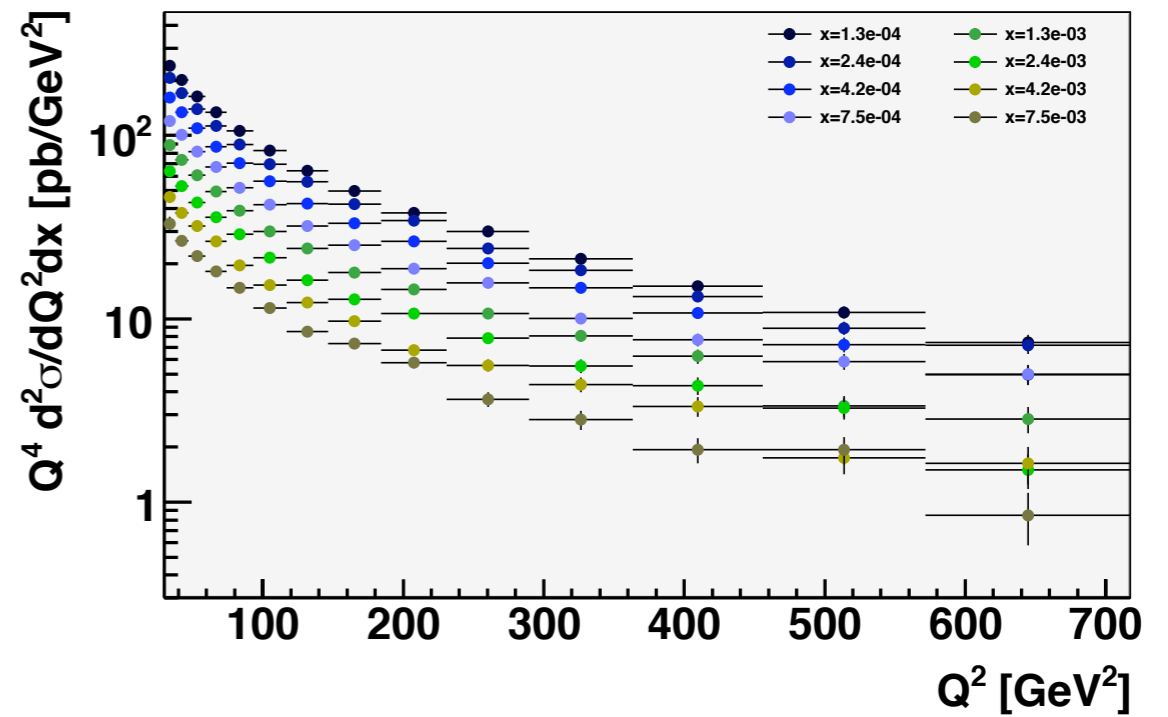
$$\mathcal{L} = 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\theta = 1^\circ$$

$$p_T^\gamma = 2 \text{ GeV}$$

$$2.5 < Q^2 < 40 \text{ GeV}^2$$

low x



$$\mathcal{L} = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\theta = 10^\circ$$

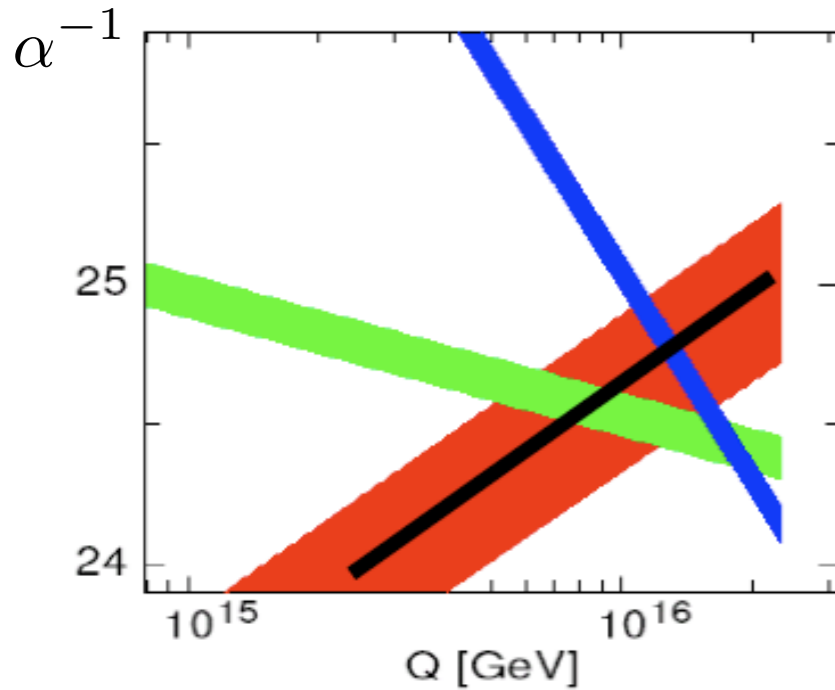
$$p_T^\gamma = 5 \text{ GeV}$$

$$50 < Q^2 \simeq 500 \text{ GeV}^2$$

large scales

Measurement of strong coupling

Unification of coupling constants?



case	cut [Q^2 in GeV^2]	α_S	\pm uncertainty	relative precision in %
HERA only (14p)	$Q^2 > 3.5$	0.11529	0.002238	1.94
HERA+jets (14p)	$Q^2 > 3.5$	0.12203	0.000995	0.82
LHeC only (14p)	$Q^2 > 3.5$	0.11680	0.000180	0.15
LHeC only (10p)	$Q^2 > 3.5$	0.11796	0.000199	0.17
LHeC only (14p)	$Q^2 > 20.$	0.11602	0.000292	0.25
LHeC+HERA (10p)	$Q^2 > 3.5$	0.11769	0.000132	0.11
LHeC+HERA (10p)	$Q^2 > 7.0$	0.11831	0.000238	0.20
LHeC+HERA (10p)	$Q^2 > 10.$	0.11839	0.000304	0.26

Strong coupling is least known of all couplings

Grand unification predictions suffer from uncertainty

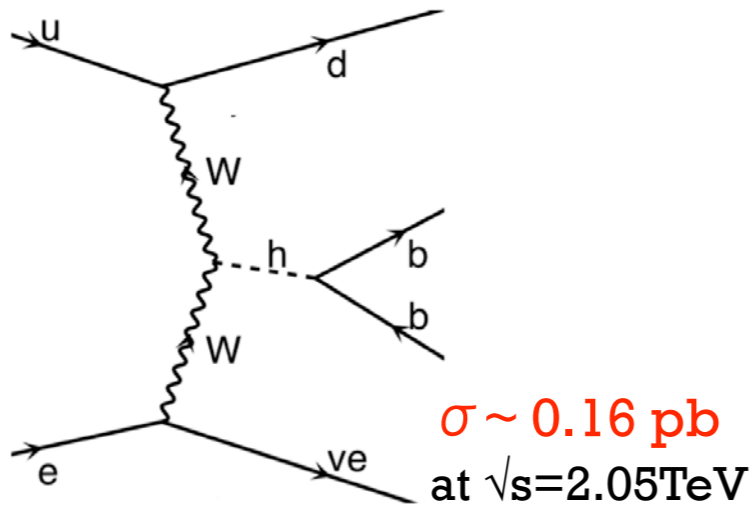
LHeC: per mille accuracy

Verify at large values of photon virtuality, smaller influence of HT effects

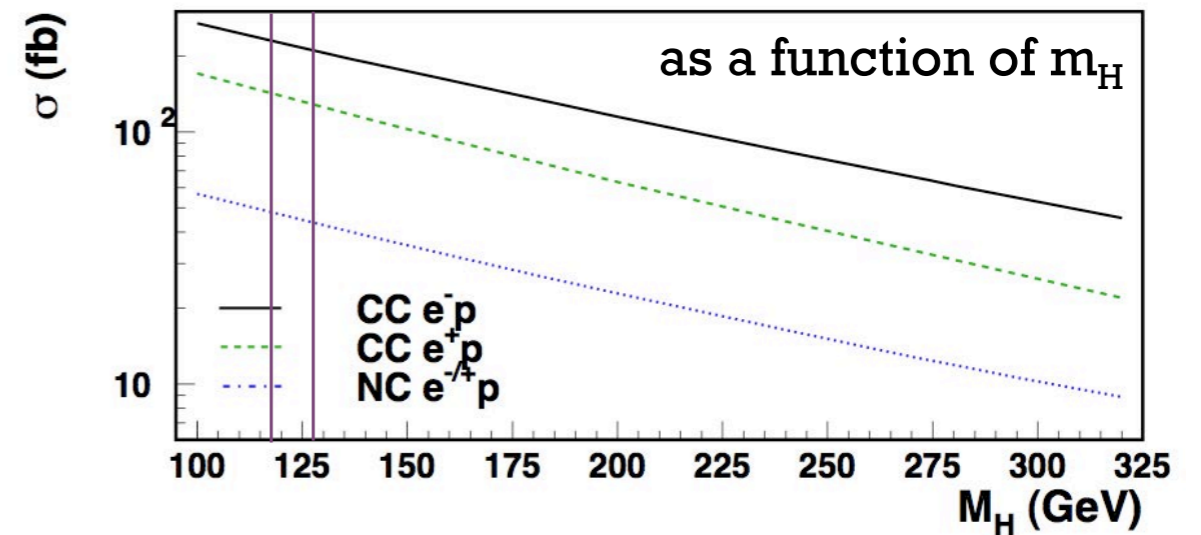
Higgs at the LHeC

Signal

CC: $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ (BR ~ 0.7 at $M_H=120\text{GeV}$)

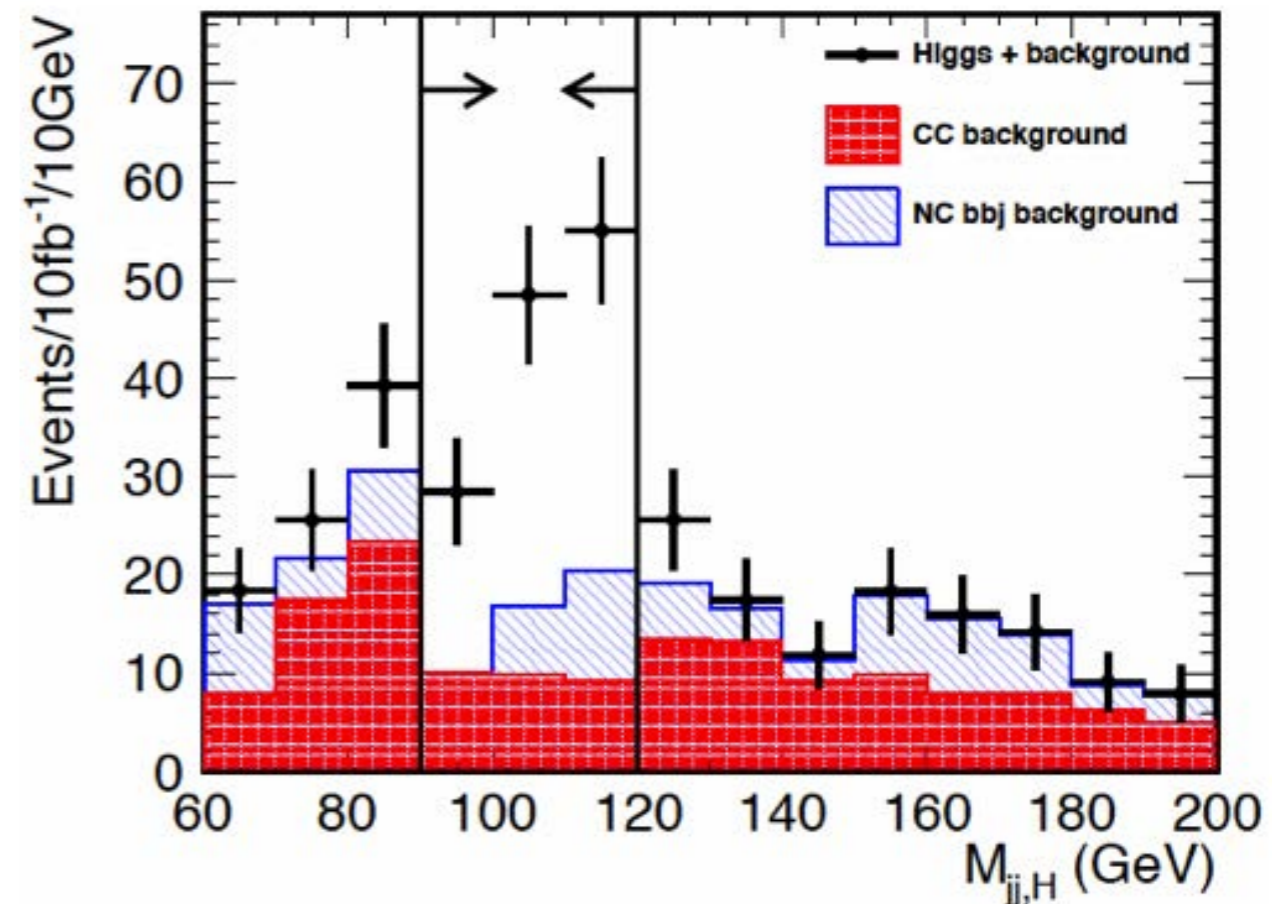


Higgs production cross-section
at $\sqrt{s} = 1.98\text{TeV}$ ($E_e=140\text{GeV}$, $E_p=7\text{TeV}$)



CC Higgs production cross-section
($M_H = 120 \text{ GeV}$)

Electron beam energy	50 GeV	100 GeV	150 GeV
cross-section (fb)	81	165	239



Higgs can be studied at the LHeC.
High rates in CC interactions.
 $b\bar{b}$ channel cleaner at the LHeC.
Necessary to confirm the SM Higgs.

Signal and background cut flow

- Beam energy:
 - Electron beam 150 GeV
 - Proton beam 7 TeV
- SM Higgs mass 120 GeV
- Luminosity 10 fb⁻¹

	H→bb	CC DIS	NC bbj	S/N	S/√N
NC rejection	816	123000	4630	6.38×10 ⁻³	2.28
+ b-tag requirement + Higgs invariant mass	178	1620	179	9.92×10 ⁻²	4.21
All cuts	84.6	29.1	18.3	1.79	12.3

- Beam energy:
 - Electron beam 150 GeV ⇒ 60 GeV
 - Proton beam 7 TeV
- SM Higgs mass 120 GeV
- Luminosity 10 fb⁻¹ ⇒ 100 fb⁻¹

	E _e = 150 GeV (10 fb ⁻¹)	E _e = 60 GeV (100 fb ⁻¹)
H → bb signal	84.6	248
S/N	1.79	1.05
S/√N	12.3	16.1

- We can explore other channels
 - NC Higgs production in ZZ fusion
 - Other light Higgs decay channels

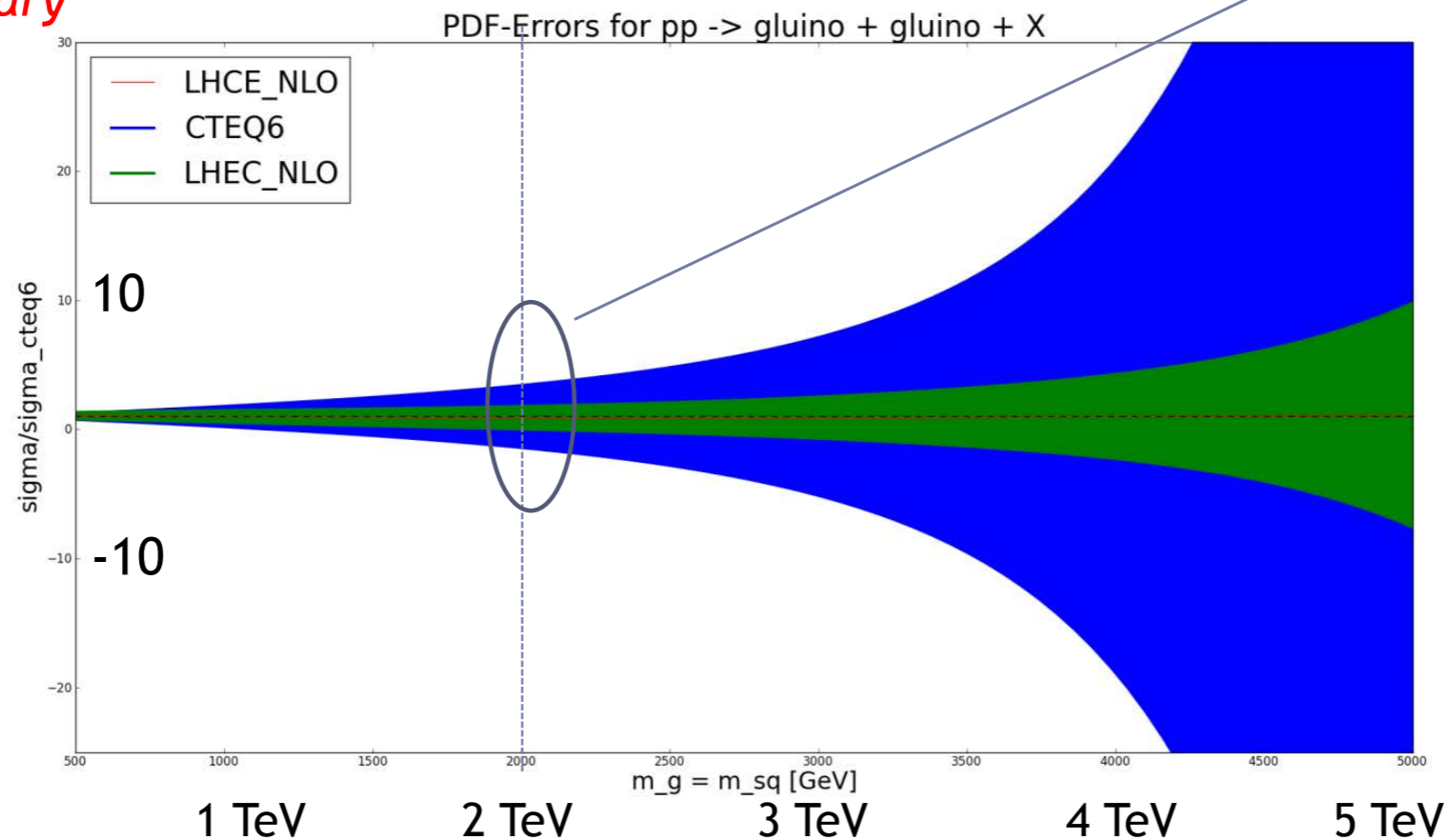
Impact of LHeC on searches for New Physics

- ▶ M.Kramer and R.Klees working on impact of improved PDF fits on theoretical predictions for SUSY process:

- ▶ Example: gl - gl production (assuming $m_{gl} = m_{sq}$)
- ▶ without (blue, CTEQ6) and with (green) LHeC PDF

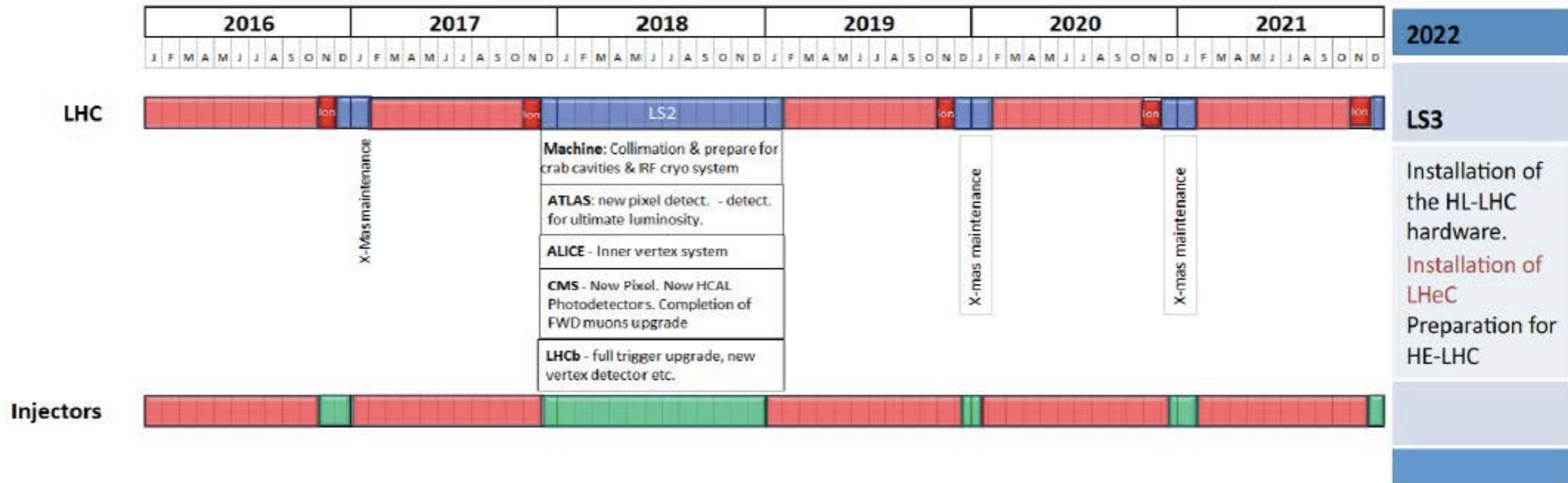
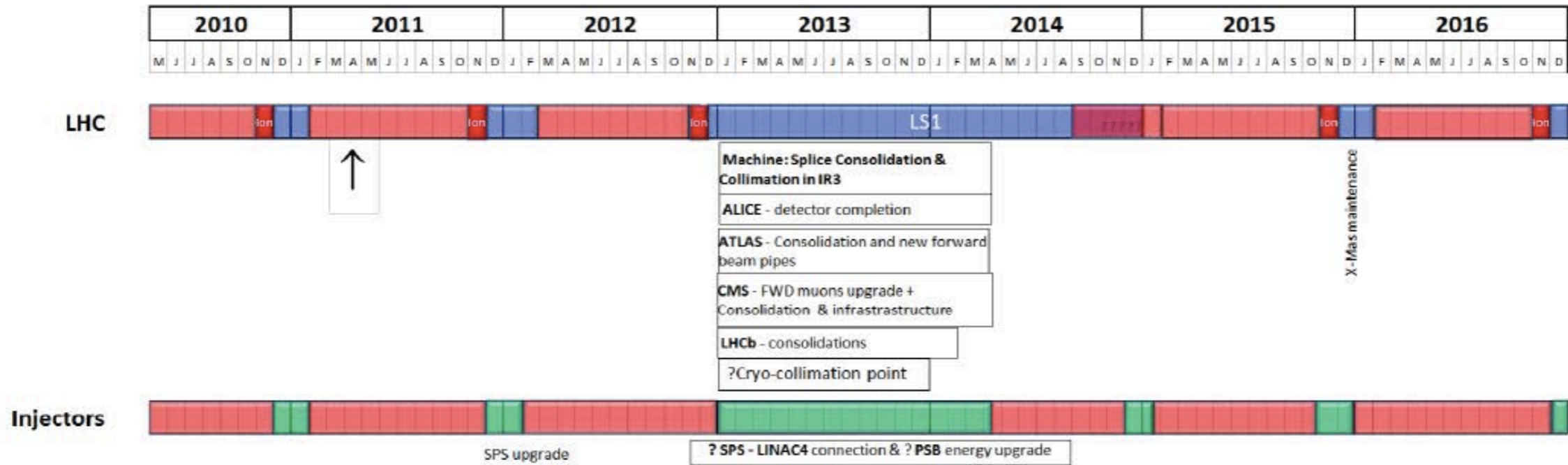
Improve of
factor of 2-3 @ 2 TeV
factor of 10 at 3.5 TeV

preliminary



Precise determination of the PDFs at higher scales absolutely necessary for searches of New Physics.

Draft LHC Schedule for the coming decade



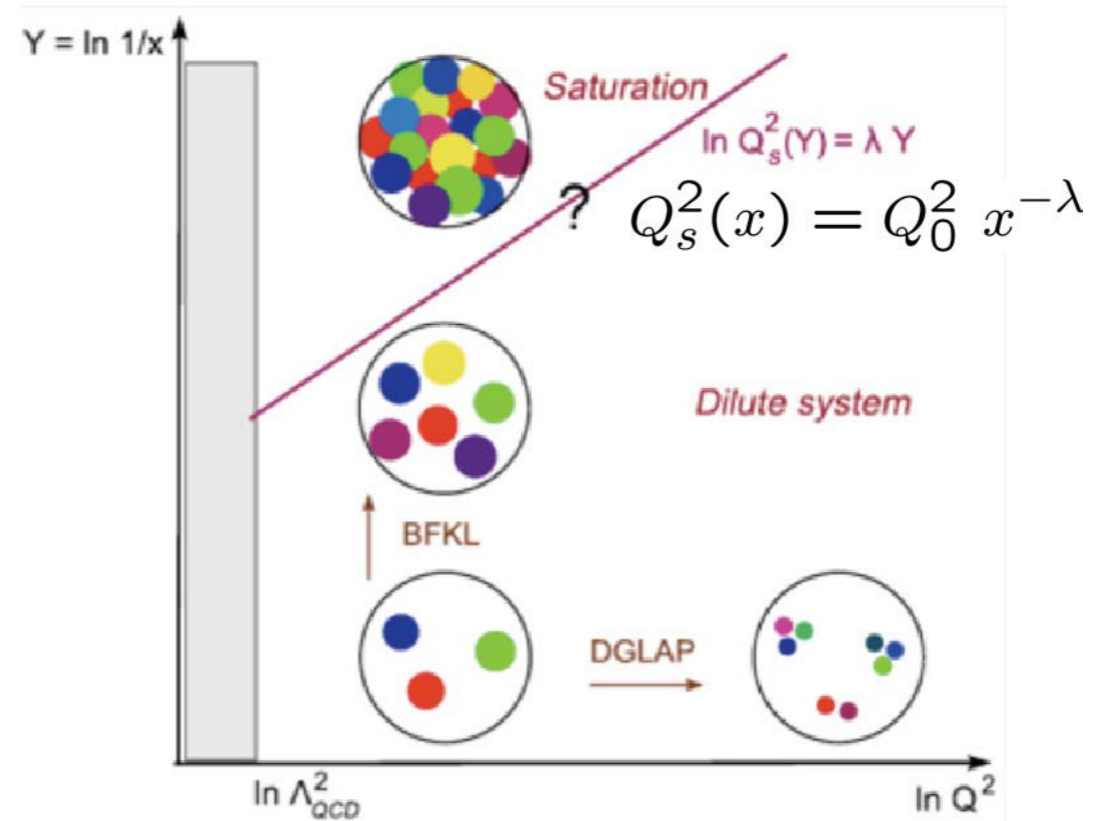
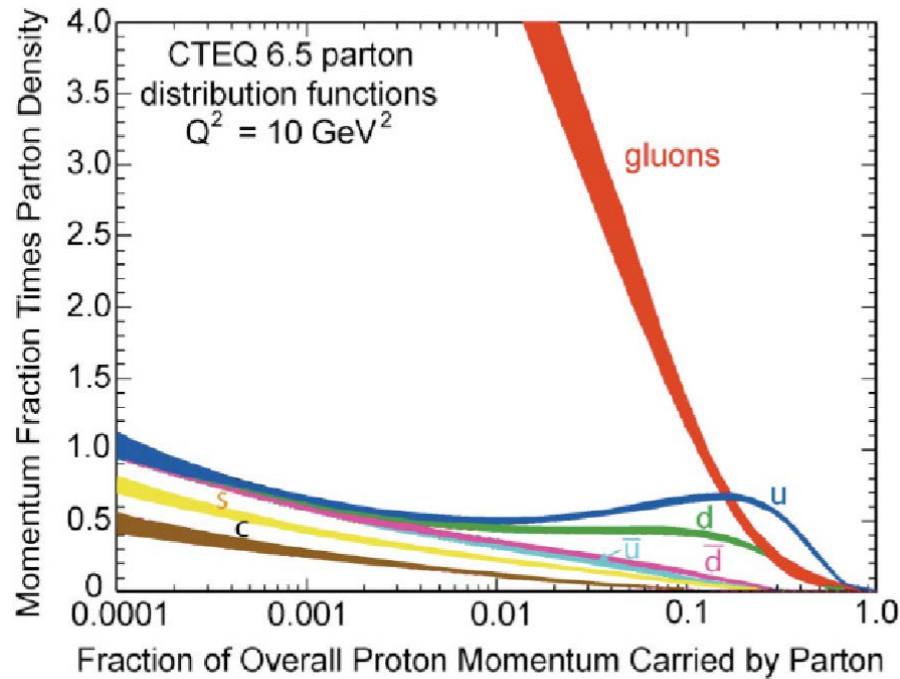
as shown by S. Myers at EPS 2011 Grenoble

Summary

- LHeC has rich and unique physics program, DIS essential part of HEP.
- Precision QCD and Electroweak studies. Understanding the regime of small x . Constraints on BSM physics.
- eA program (DIS of lead nuclei and deuteron) has complementarity with pA and AA physics. Pinning down the initial state in nuclear collisions.
- Conceptual Design Report supported and monitored by CERN, ECFA and NuPECC, has been published.
- Next steps:
- Presentation in European Strategy for Particle Physics meeting in Cracow in September 2012.
- Collaborations are soon to be build for further design, machine and detector.
- CERN mandate for Technical Design Report in 2015.

Backup

Low x and saturation



HERA established strong growth of the gluon density towards small x

Parton saturation: recombination of gluons at sufficiently high densities leading to nonlinear modification of the evolution equations.

Emergence of a dynamical scale: saturation scale dependent on energy.

What we learned from HERA about saturation?

Linear DGLAP evolution works well at HERA.

Hints of saturation at low Q and low x: deterioration of the global fit in that region.

Large diffractive component.

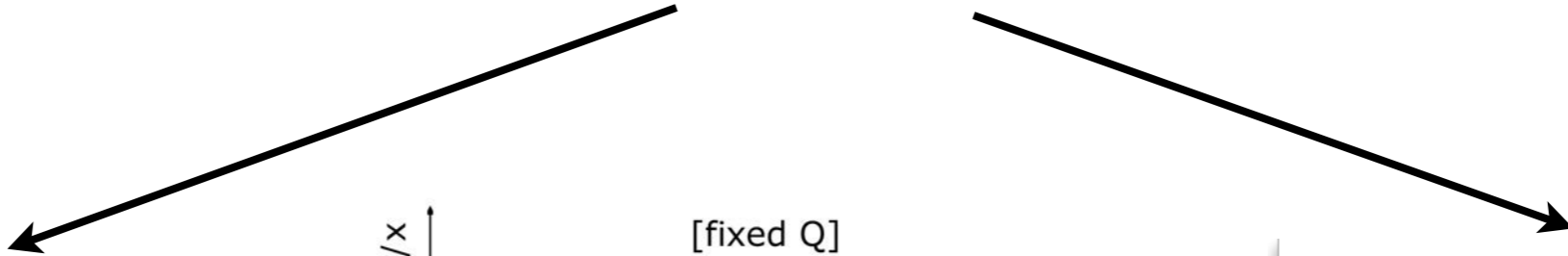
Success of the dipole models in the description of the data.

The models point at the low value of the saturation scale

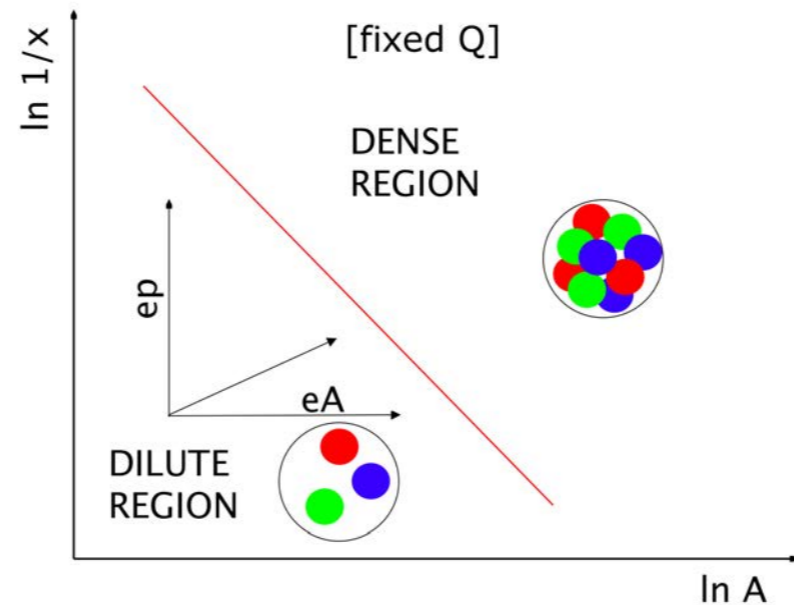
LHeC would provide an access to a kinematic regime where the saturation scale is perturbative

Strategy for making target more 'black'

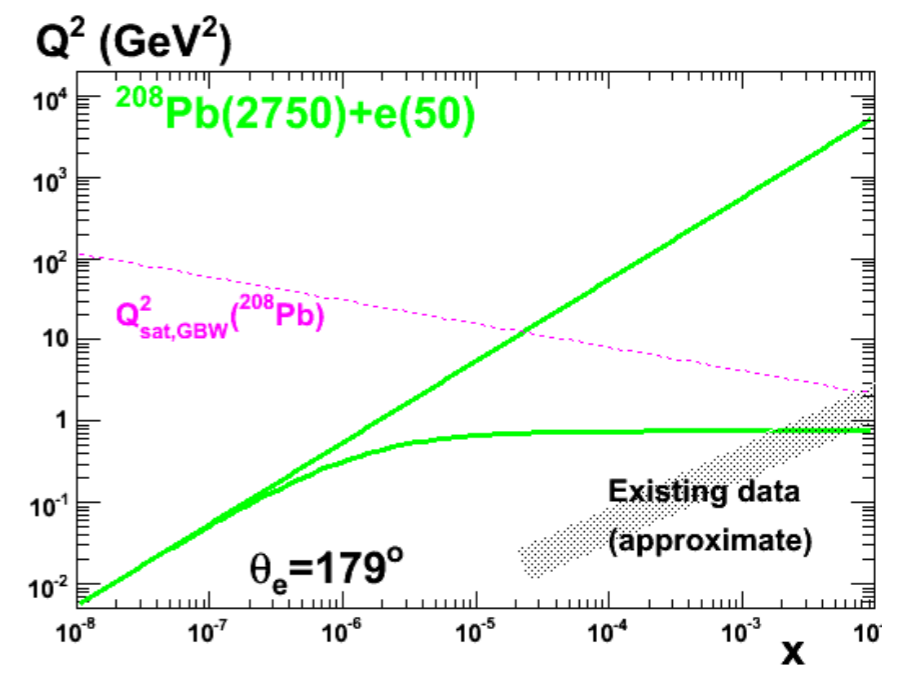
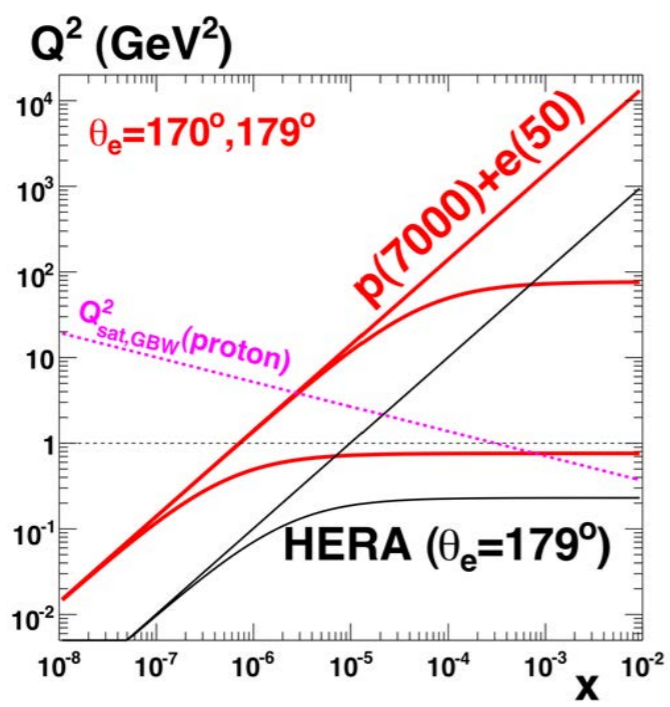
LHeC would deliver a two-pronged approach:



Probing lower x in ep.
Evolution of a single source



More nucleons: eA scattering. Many sources overlapping in impact parameter.



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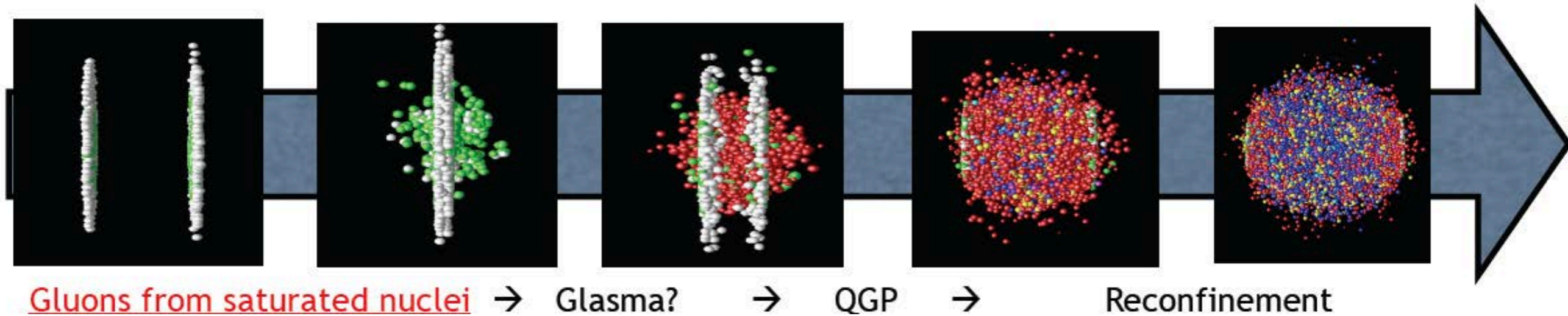
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Physics at High Parton Densities

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Nuclear physics in eA complementarity to pA, AA at LHC



Precision measurement of the initial state.

Nuclear structure functions.

Particle production in the early stages.

Factorization eA/pA/AA.

Modification of the QCD radiation and hadronization
in the nuclear medium.

Detector : tracking system

Transverse momentum
 $\Delta p_t / p_t^2 \rightarrow 6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
 transverse impact
 parameter $\rightarrow 10 \mu\text{m}$

Central Pixel Tracker

4 layer **CPT**:
 min-inner-R = 3.1 cm
 max-inner-R = 10.9 cm

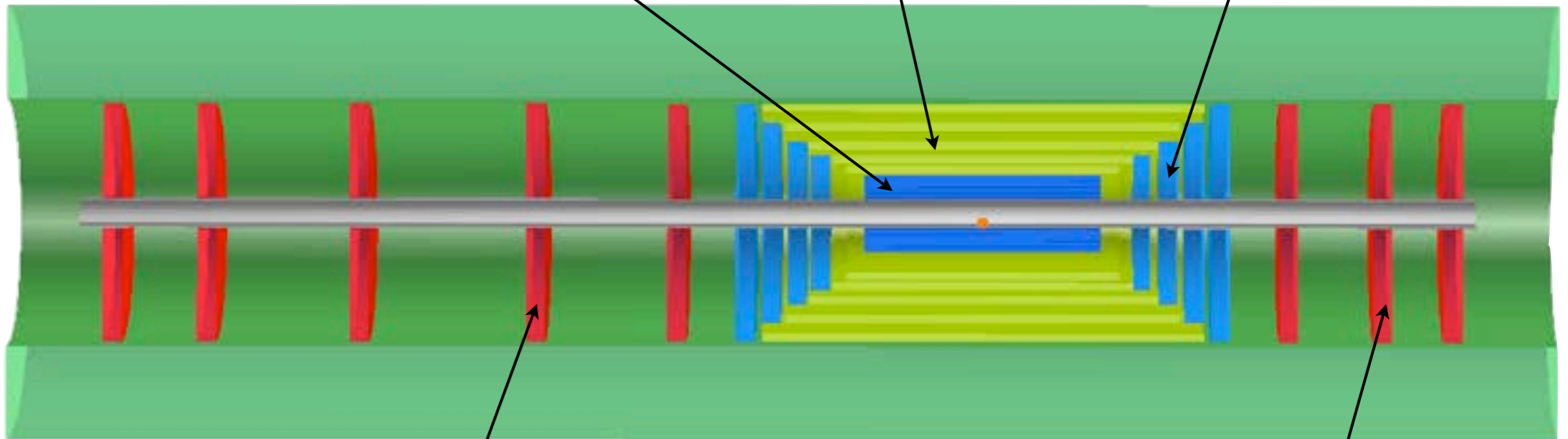
 $\Delta R = 15. \text{ cm}$

Central Si Tracker

CST - ΔR 3.5cm each
 1. layer: inner R = 21.2 cm
 2. layer: = 25.6 cm
 3. layer: = 31.2 cm
 4. layer: = 36.7 cm
 5. layer: = 42.7 cm

Central Forward/Backward Tracker

4 **CFT/CBT**
 min-inner-R = 3.1 cm, max-inner-R = 10.9 cm



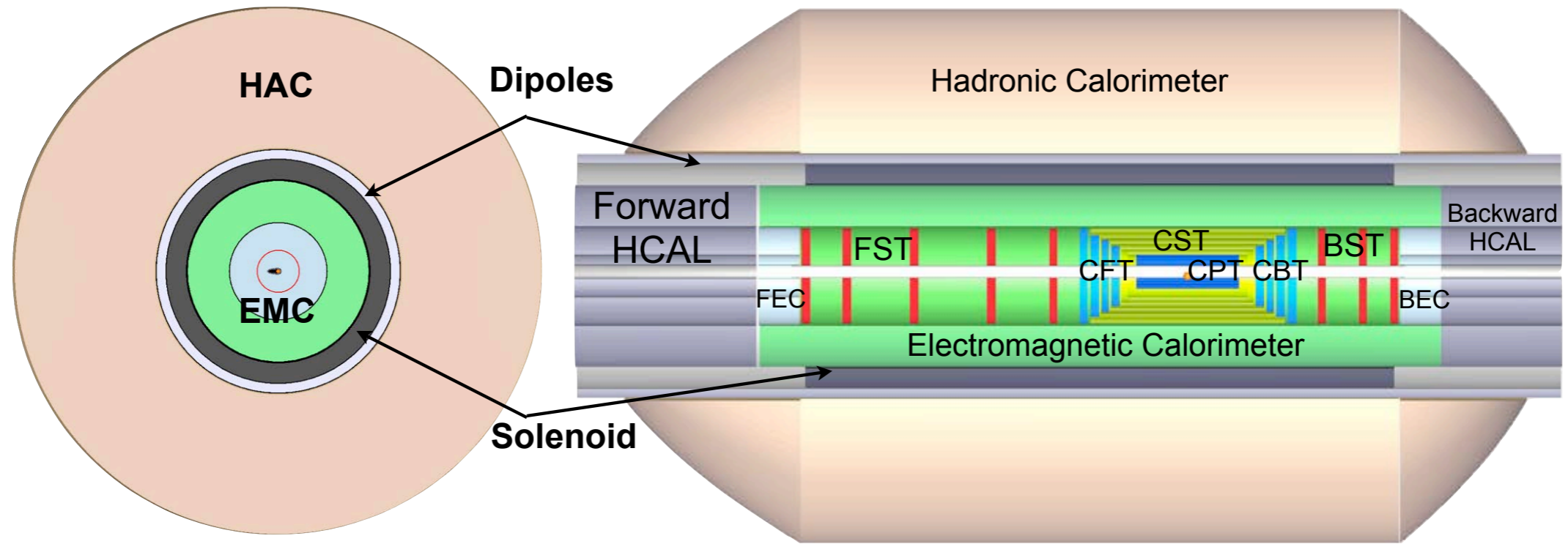
Forward Si Tracker

FST - $\Delta Z = 8. \text{ cm}$
 min-inner-R = 3.1 cm; max-inner-R = 10.9 cm
 outer R = 46.2 cm
 Planes 1-5:
 $z_{5-1} = 370. / 330. / 265. / 190. / 130. \text{ cm}$

Backward Si Tracker

BST - $\Delta Z = 8. \text{ cm}$
 min-inner-R = 3.1 cm; max-inner-R = 10.9 cm
 outer R = 46.2 cm
 Planes 1-3:
 $z_{1-3} = -130. / -170. / -200. \text{ cm}$

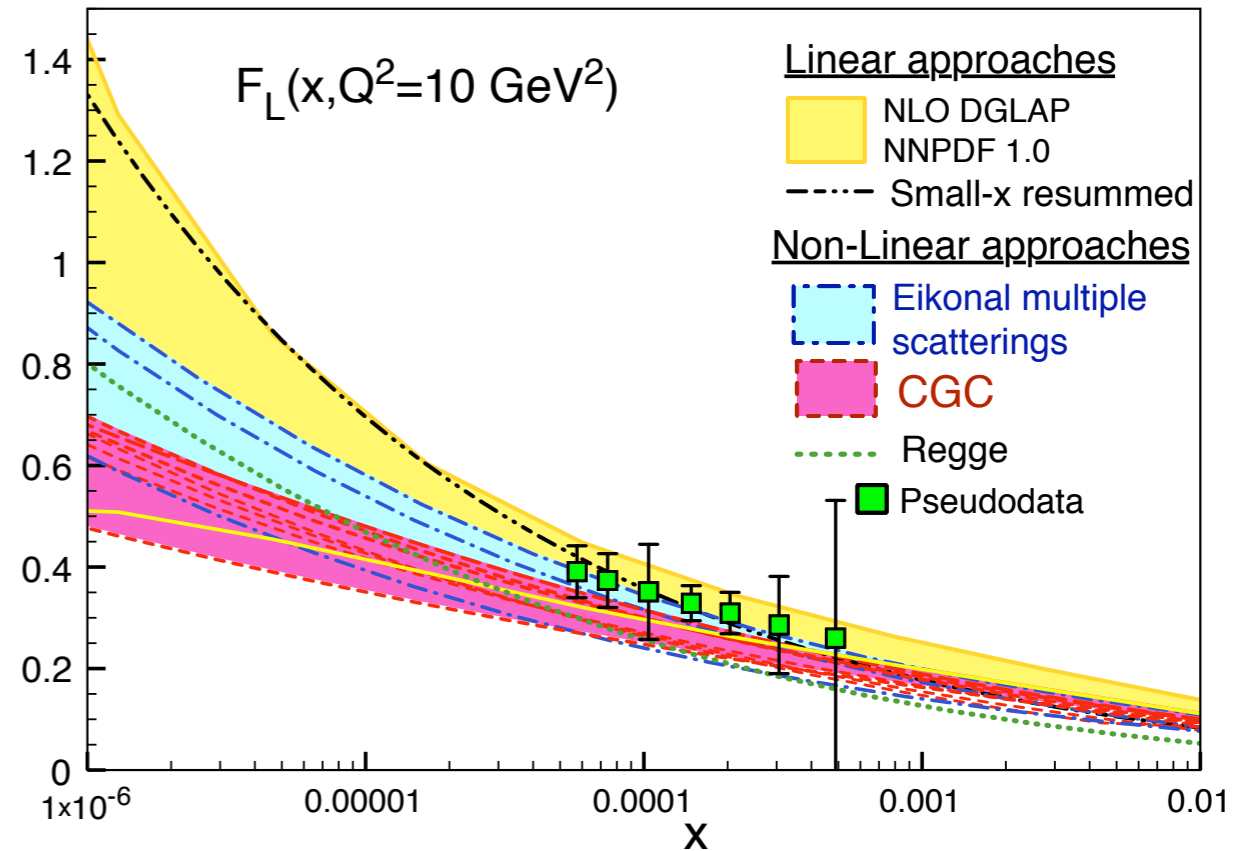
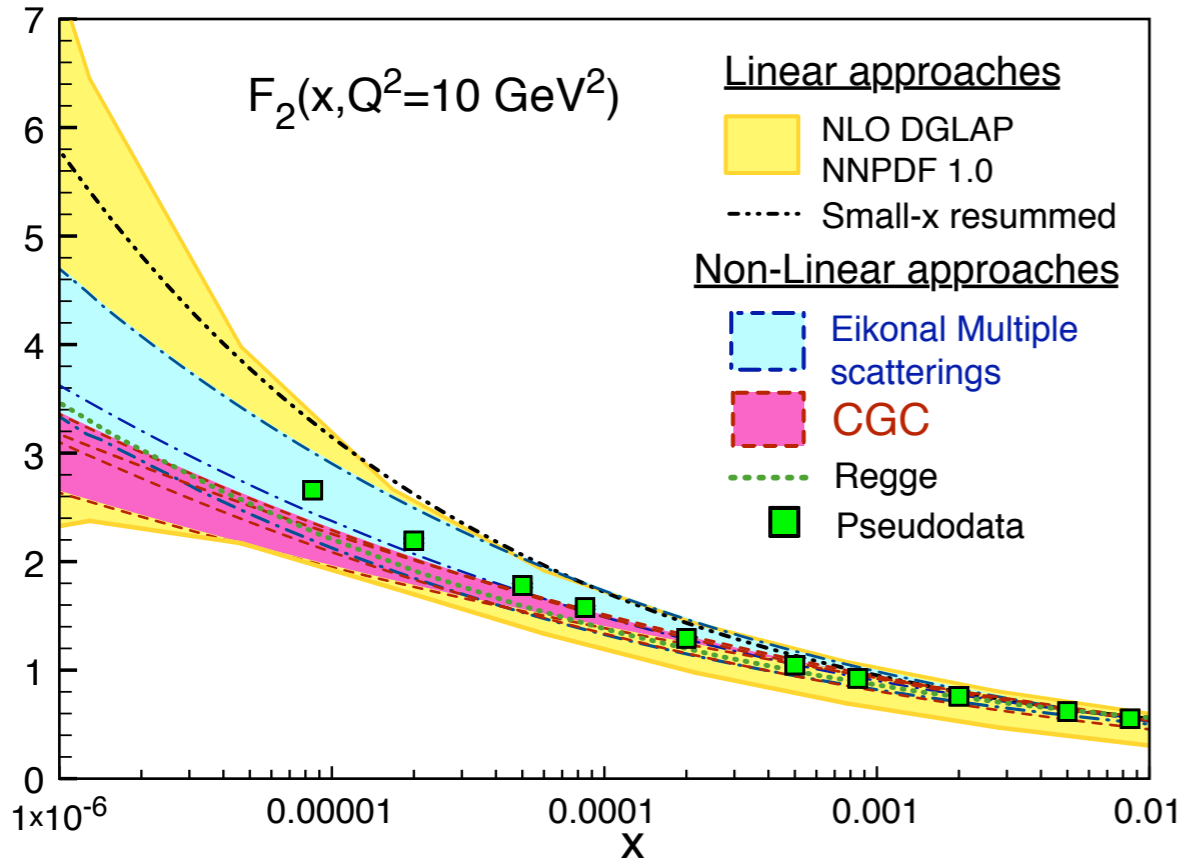
Detector : calorimetry



Liquid Argon EM calorimeter
 Hadronic Tile calorimeter

F_2, F_L structure functions at low x

Precision measurements of structure functions at very low x : test DGLAP, small x , saturation inspired approaches.

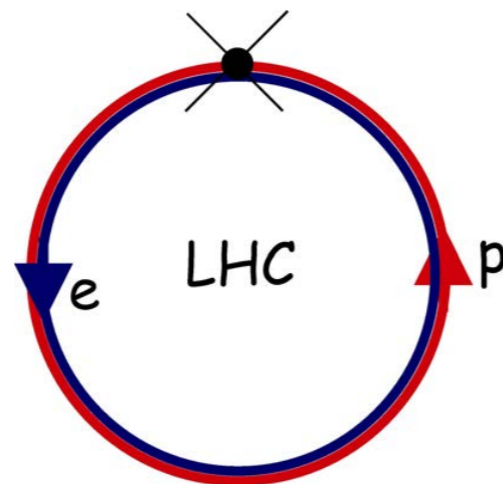


approx. 2% error on the F_2 pseudodata, and 8% on the F_L pseudodata, should be able to distinguish between some of the scenarios.

How Could ep be Done using LHC?

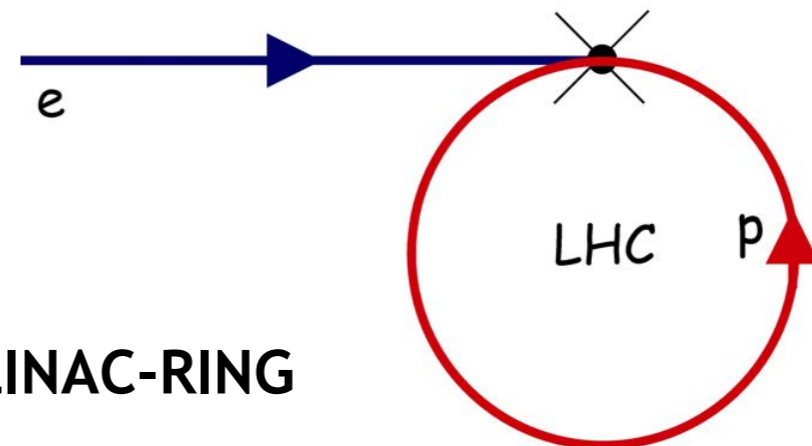
... whilst allowing simultaneous ep and pp running ...

RING-RING



- First considered (as LEPxLHC) in 1984 ECFA workshop
- Main advantage: high peak lumi obtainable ($\sim 2 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)
- Main difficulties: building round existing LHC, e beam energy (60 GeV?) and lifetime limited by synchrotron radiation

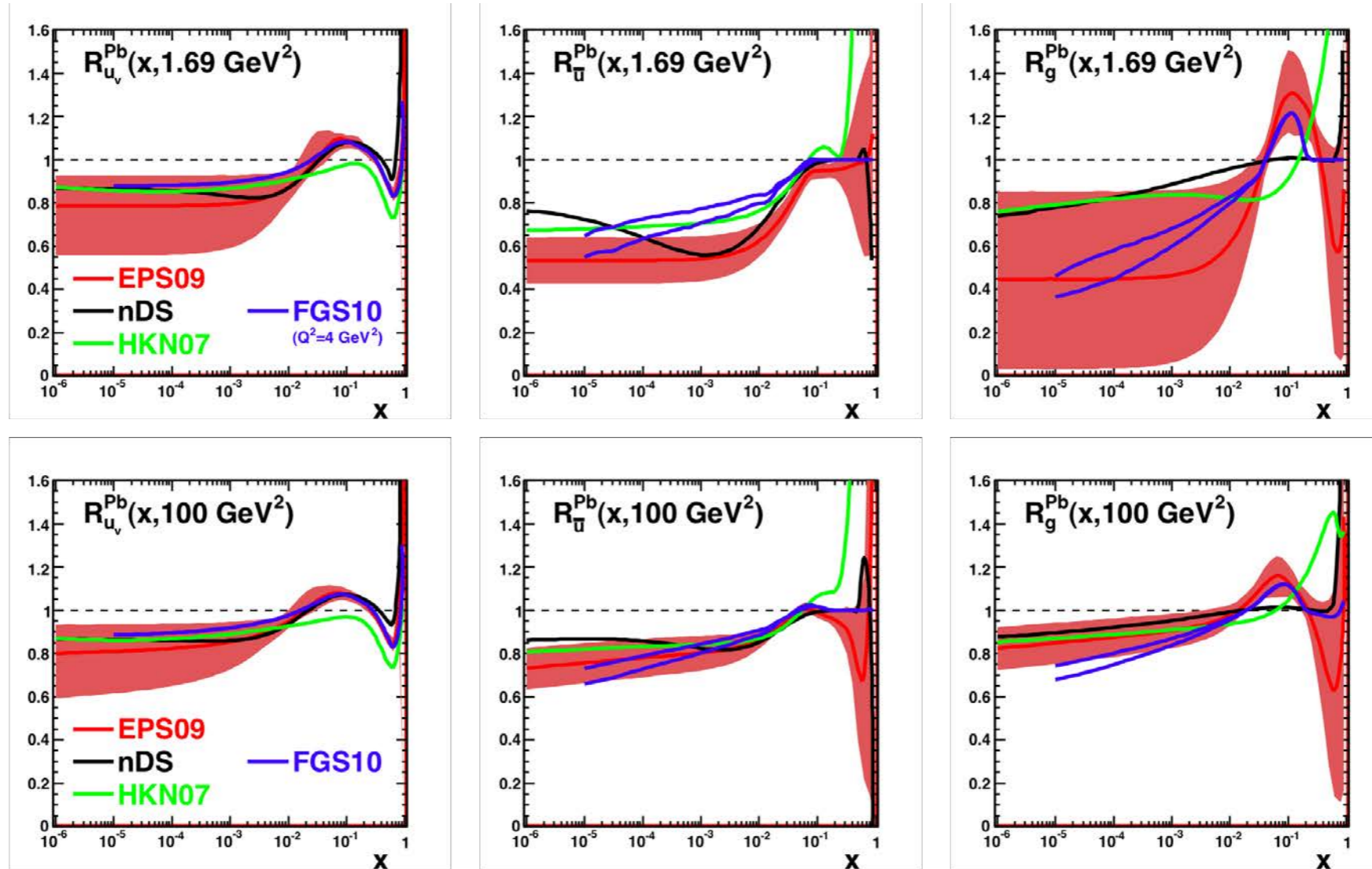
LINAC-RING



- Previously considered as 'QCD explorer' (also THERA)
- Main advantages: low interference with LHC, high E_e ($\rightarrow 150 \text{ GeV?}$) and lepton polarisation, LC relation
- Main difficulties: lower luminosity $< 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$? at reasonable power, no previous experience exists

preferred option

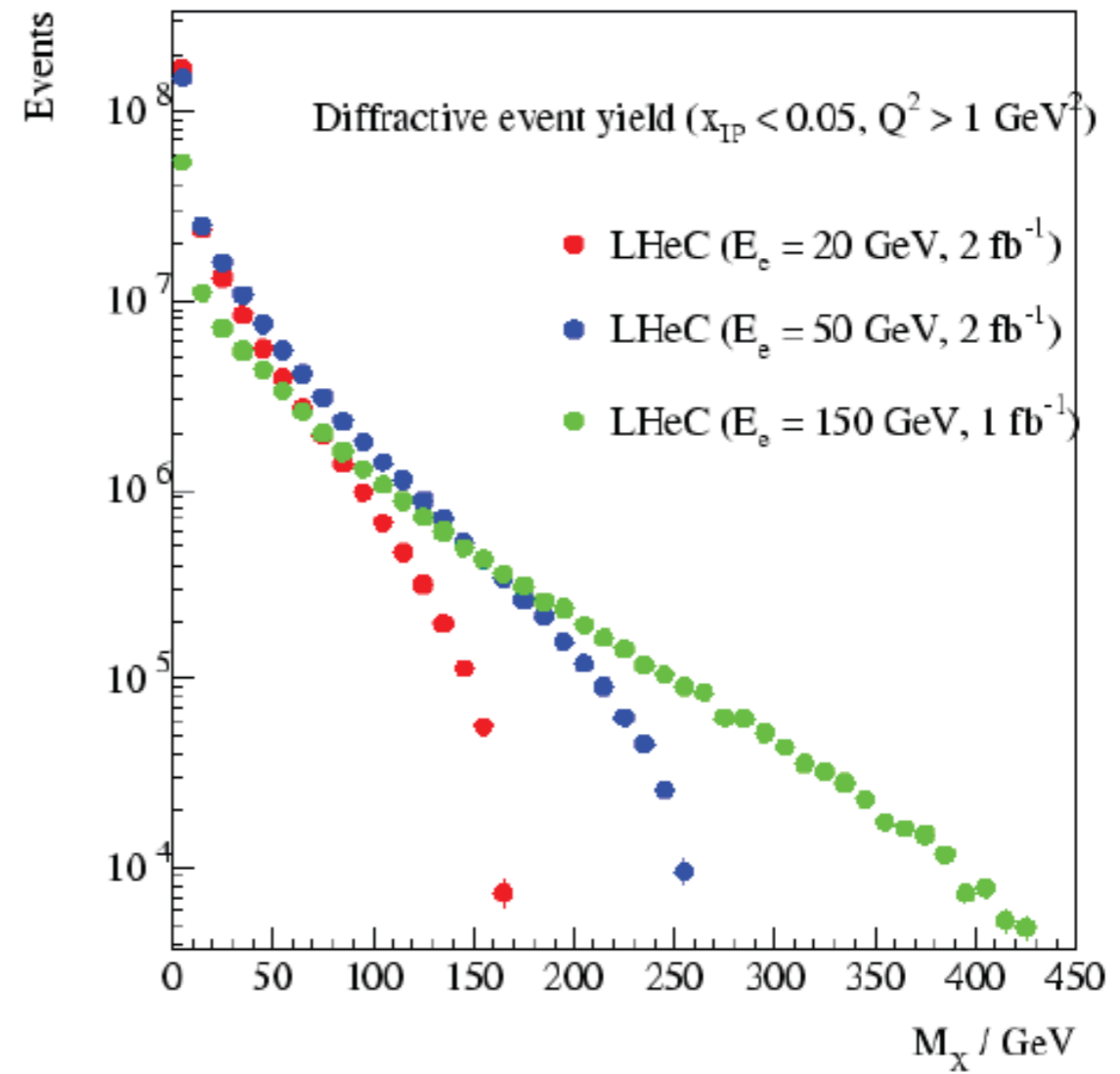
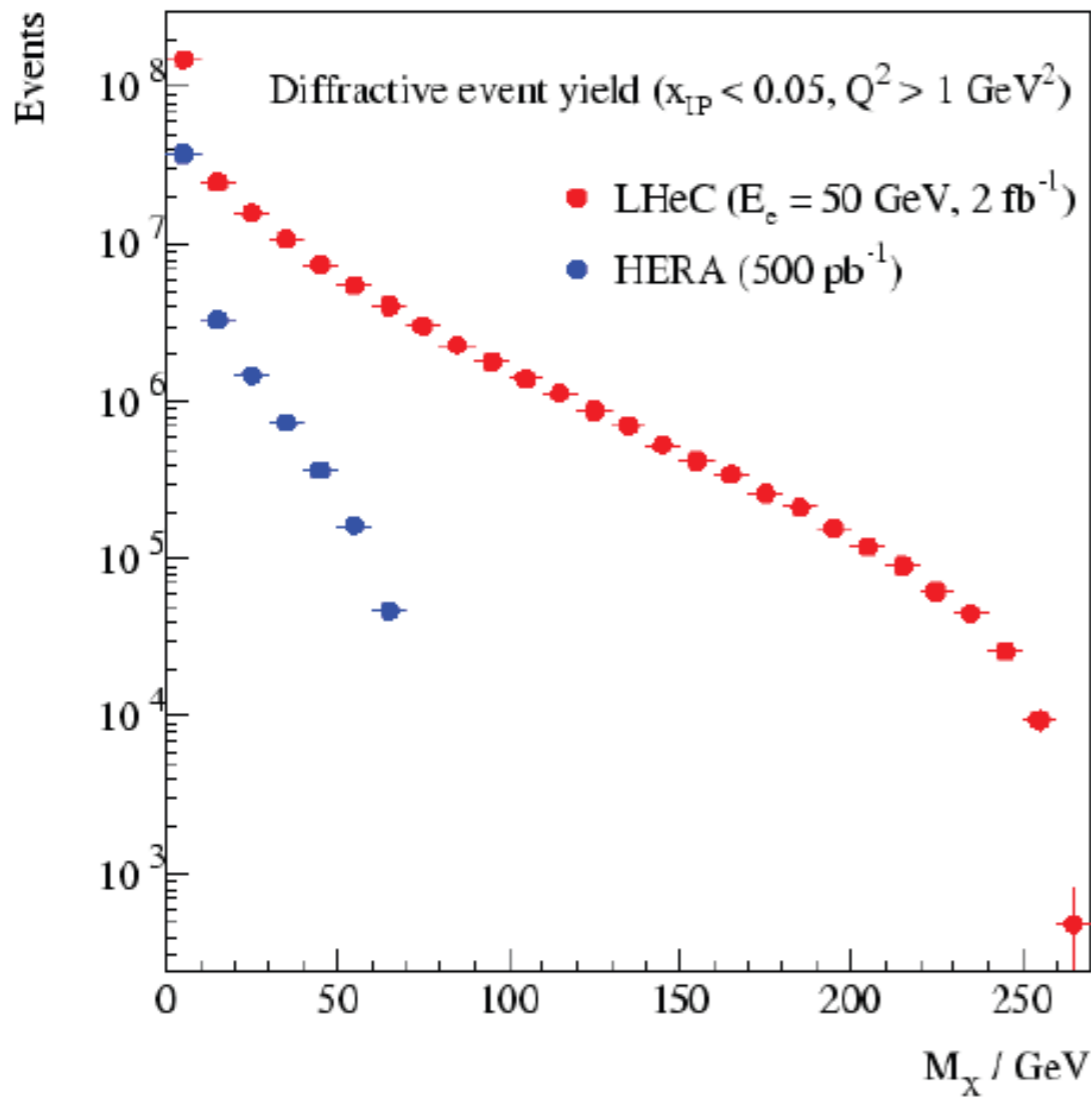
Nuclear parton distributions



$$R_i = \text{Nuclear PDF } i / (A * \text{proton PDF } i)$$

Current status: nuclear parton distribution functions are poorly known at small x . Especially gluon density, below $x=0.01$ can be anything between 0 and 1....

Diffractive mass distribution



New domain of diffractive masses.
 M_X can include W/Z/beauty